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EL CERRITO ELECTION '97

■ With several major issues on the table, six people have filed for the three open seats on the El Cerrito City Council. Here is Part II of our profiles of the contenders:

By Emily Lundberg

Larry Damon

When a huge project gets derailed, colleagues just knock on Larry Damon's door. Damon finds the root of the problem, solves it, and sets it back on track. At least, that's what Damon does for a living, and now, with his run for city council, he says he can do it for El Cerrito, too.

Damon works as an Engineering Research and Development Manager at Bechtel, one of the world's most reputable, privately-owned, engineering, construction, management, development, and financing corporations. Bechtel specializes in energy, infrastructure, natural resources, advanced systems, and environmental projects.

In the past century, Bechtel has worked on more than 15,000 projects in 140 nations on all seven continents. Bechtel has done work from the construction of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system, to the largest civil development project ever, building a new port, industrial complex, and city in Jubail, Saudi Arabia. Damon prizes his experience at Bechtel, saying it gave him "insight and access into brilliant minds, to see things work well." This access into brilliant minds, Damon said, helped

him create his own style of pulling things together, of translating someone's vision into a reality.

One of the areas Damon researches is neural networks, from data-based systems and info-based systems to knowledge-based systems. Damon contends he will bring El Cerrito from a data-based and info-based system (pure information, without context) to a knowledge-based system (contextualized to allow decisions).

After the Redevelopment Agency/City Council passed the Plaza Final Environmental Impact Report without giving citizens time to read the document, Damon (one of several people who attend almost every city council meeting) thought, "We are going to have to change some things if we are going to come out with our hides intact." That prompted a neighbor to say, "well, why don't you?" Damon is giving it his best shot.

Damon grew up in Winnemucca, Nev. He spent his first 18 years as a wrangler, a couple more mining gold, and then several at the University of Reno, studying electrical engineering.

Now, every couple of weekends,

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Mark Friedman

Since his appointment to the city council last April, Mark Friedman has been hailed for building consensus. And in El Cerrito politics, where consensus is gold, Friedman looks to regain his council seat, his pick-ax and his claim.

Friedman grew up in Chicago, where he lived until he was 20. From Chicago, he moved to Seattle, Phoenix, Denver, and finally to California.

He has a bachelors degree in Journalism and Arts Administration from Antioch University. Five years after receiving his bachelors degree, he received a Masters degree in management from the University of Phoenix.

He worked full-time throughout his studies, first on the editorial staff of an arts periodical, then as Director of Programs for an organization bringing arts into mental and correctional institutions. During that time, he also taught creative writing to juvenile delinquents.

Friedman founded and spent seven years at "Special Child," an agency providing services to developmentally-disabled children.

In 1989, after training nonprofits

for two years, Friedman moved to the Bay Area to run Plant Closures, an organization formed to help Alameda County in its conversion from a military-based economy. Friedman specialized in economic development, job retention and creation.

Friedman said he moved to the Bay Area not because of the job, but simply because "he wanted to live here." And he moved to El Cerrito because he thought it was a good place to raise children.

His 20-year-old daughter, now a college student at UC-Davis and his 19-year old son, a sophomore at Highline Community College in Seattle, both went to El Cerrito High. Friedman's wife is also attending UC-Davis, as a graduate student in community development.

While his children were in El Cerrito schools, Friedman formed and chaired the Alliance for Public Education in West County, bringing together teachers, parents, administrators and business owners to look at "big picture issues" in the school district.

In 1991, Friedman started working with Don Perata, then Alameda

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Thom Stark

As the candidate who strives to escape definition, Thom Stark certainly defines his issues and the precise methods with which he will approach those issues. As a longtime city council regular, Thom Stark is as informed as most councilmembers. But Stark believes he can make the crucial difference, with deliberate action and bold change.

Stark was born in Pittsburgh, Penn., and was voted around to Chicago, Japan, Alabama, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Hawaii and Ohio, as a self-described "Air Force brat."

He met his wife, Judy, in Kettering Ohio, a suburb of Dayton, where he worked as a video producer at a local cable station, producing live coverage of five separate city councils and planning commissions. Judy worked as an intern at the station.

In 1980, Judy and Thom moved to El Cerrito, because, Stark said, "The West was calling."

He is now a Commissioner of the Contra Costa County Charter Commission, President of the Friends of the El Cerrito Library and a member of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

He is also the sole proprietor of a

computer network consulting firm called Stark Realities, specializing in the application of Internet-native technologies to existing business networks. He speaks at trade shows concerning Internet technology and is a writer for computer-industry magazines, with a monthly column called "@internet" in Boardwatch Magazine.

A frequent speaker at El Cerrito city council and city planning meetings, Stark is always ready to offer an insight, a suggestion, or a joke. Despite his joking manner, the reforms Stark proposes are serious and bold.

Redefining redevelopment

"The most fundamental problem in El Cerrito and the most central issue in the campaign," Stark says, "is what to do with redevelopment."

Stark answers his own "what," proposing the separation of the Redevelopment Agency Board from the City Council, the reexamination of current and planned redevelopment projects, the break down and disclosure of Redevelopment Agency finances, and the placement of the Agency on a "pay-as-you-go basis."

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Worth Checking Out

Labor Day picnic

Join Sustainable El Cerrito for a Labor Day picnic, Monday, Sept. 1, at noon at Ohlone Greenway and Manila (Richard I. Itaya Plaza).

This is a great opportunity to continue the conversation about El Cerrito's future in an informal setting. Meet others interested in working together to improve the city's economic, social, and environmental conditions.

Bring food and drink to share, and your own utensils and seating; plates and napkins will be provided. The small plaza has both grass and concrete areas, as well as a children's play area with sand.

I-80 work

Sections of Interstate 80 will in coming days for various construction projects.

Some eastbound lanes of I-80 will close between University Avenue in Berkeley and Buchanan Street in Albany, through Sunday from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. The lanes will be repaved, but at least one lane will remain open for traffic at all times.

Caltrans repaving of eastbound lanes of I-80 between Powell Street in Emeryville and Ashby Avenue in Berkeley continues today from 10 p.m. through 6 a.m.

Firehouse dedication

The public is invited to an open house tonight from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. to dedicate the El Cerrito's new fire station at 1520 Washington Blvd. This event will also celebrate El Cerrito's 80th birthday at 6:15 p.m.

Albany sewer project

The Albany City Council is hosting a public work session Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers on the plans for the sewer replacement project along Solano Avenue. Landscaping and engineering plans will be presented and reviews.

The city will begin major sewer and storm drain work on Solano Avenue between San Pablo and Pomona avenues next January. The eight-block project includes removal of the sidewalks, construction of a new sewer line down in the street and storm drains along the curbs, installation of new sewer laterals and reconstruction of the sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

A second Solano Avenue presentation is scheduled for merchants, property owners and Solano Avenue neighbors on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. in the council chamber. Details: 528-5160.

Reduce, reuse, resell

Registration is underway for El Cerrito's eighth annual citywide garage sale, scheduled this year for Oct. 4. The event, sponsored by the city recycling center, attracts hundreds of weekend bargain hunters who navigate about town with the help of city-provided lists of participating households. Registration deadline (only El Cerrito residents may participate) is Sept. 28. To sign up, complete the required form and return it to City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. Maps and participant lists will be available throughout the city the week prior to the event. Details: 215-4350.

Albany Pasta Fest

The Solano Stroll wouldn't be complete without the Albany Chamber of Commerce Pasta Fest on Stroll Eve. The Royal Cafe, 1115 San Pablo Ave., is again the site of the ninth annual event, this year for 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13. The pasta is \$12.50 for a great dinner and a fun tradition that includes beer and capon breast dinner. Beer and wine, as well as no heat cocktails will be available. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1108 Solano Ave., or at the Royal Cafe. Details: 525-1771.



Greg Hugunin

Malene Smith, a Richmond Annex resident, and Naomi Lucks, of Albany, co-authored 'A Woman's Midlife Companion.'

Albany's watering holes, installment 2

Local hangout moonlights as trendy music venue

By Greg Hugunin

It is eleven o'clock on a balmy Friday evening, and the Ivy Room is pumping big love. Tonight, before a crowd which ranges from college students to the white-haired couple at the bar, Lavy Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers are bringing down the house, Lavy's voice as sweet — and as wicked — as a Mint Julep as she moves in her black fishnets, surveying the crowd with a smile.

"If you lose your money/girl don't lose your mind," she croons, the seven — no make that nine — musicians behind her sweating in their suits, a trombone gleaming in the light. Among those who have made their way to the Ivy Room tonight, some dance, some smoke, some drink and some watch: some play pool, or rock gently on their bar stools, or sit cross-legged on the shuffleboard table which runs along the dark, narrow bar.

They come from San Francisco and the far-off outpost of Danville, a 28-year-old Albany local and a woman, slightly older, who says she has arrived at "the age where you're supposed to be wise, and know what you're doing." Hat-toting swing-meisters and baby-boomers from El Cerrito, and for each unique person here tonight, *The Journal*, ever intrepid, will find an equally unique answer to the question on everyone's mind: Why the Ivy Room?

"I'll give you two reasons," says Oakland resident

There is life after 50

By Greg Hugunin

Baby boomers turn 50 at the rate of one every eight minutes, and for women, that period is a time of many changes. Be they menopause, watching one's children become adults, caring for elderly loved ones or changes in relationship or career, midlife transitions are times both of casting off and starting anew, times when, according to a pair of local authors, women might find themselves asking: Where do I go from here?

Though no one book can provide all the answers, "A Woman's Midlife Companion: The Essential Resource for Every Woman's Journey," offers many a path for readers to choose. Written by Albany resident Naomi Lucks, 48, and 53-year-old Malene Smith, of Richmond, the book is a veritable smorgasbord

of information, covering subjects ranging from breast cancer and often-unneeded hysterectomy to the rather wryly titled chapter, "The World Down Under: Vaginal Health, Incontinence, and Sex."

"It's all about the rhythm of nature; loss and removal, and that in-between time when you're not sure what's happening," says Smith, a therapist who works with children and families but who has, in the past, held jobs as varied as teacher, cook, Realtor, and co-manager of a Sierra mountain ski resort.

"We like to draw from everything. It's friendly, non-threatening," says Lucks, a free-lance editor, ghost writer and author who has collaborated on such books as Stephanie Covinton's "Awakening Your Sexuality" and Robert Johnson's "Ecstasy: Understanding the Psychology of Joy."

The companion, originally dreamed up as local resource guide for women, has instead become a national one, mixing long lists of resources with well-written, reader-friendly chapters that cover their subjects from many a medical and philosophical point of view. Each, for example, deals not only with Western medicine, but also exercise, nutrition, complementary therapies and support, with some of the most effective solutions often ending up the simplest ones.

"We found out that really, what's most important in life is eating fruits and vegetables, getting your exercise, and relaxing," says Lucks, adding that writing the companion was "kind of like writing two books," in that, in addition to creating text, the two also had to delve

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Tavern scene laid-back compared to yesteryear

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Patrons may be drinking, and they may, or may not, be up to no good. But while bars in Albany's past have ranged from the always-wild Lucky 13 (which, according to Police Chief Larry Murdo, offered, among other things, the occasional view of a pistol butt in patrons' parked cars) to the Viking Lounge, where near-riot situations left police outnumbered by booze-fueled drunks, Albany's current group of watering holes seem for the most part to have left crime and criminal activity far down on their list.

"Those days are clearly behind us," says Murdo, who provided *The Journal* with a complete printout of all calls for service to Albany bars since July, 1996, and labeled the number of calls "not significant."

"As with any business, there are going to be problems with patrons. Name me the business

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■ Letters to the Editor

An important correction we need to make

We thank you for printing all of our recent news releases in your newspaper. We have received a very good response to two of them.

We did, however, receive a copy of our article about Homeless Animals' day which disturbed us. There were some errors in the article, the most damaging error was that the writer put in the word "euthanized" instead of "neutered". Also, the Contra Costa Humane Society does not run the low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic - it is run by the Animal Services Department. We do offer financial assistance through our SNAP program.

Would it be possible for you to include a short article to straighten these items out? We certainly do not want people to think that we believe in "euthanizing" animals that are family pets. We would appreciate any retraction that you could print to let people know that Spaying and Neutering is what we recommend.

Ilona Robinson
Humane Education Director

To be honest, we'd rather disavow any knowledge of the whole thing, but in fairness to the Society we'll set the record straight. The original item appeared in our 'Worth Checking Out' column and originally noted the need to spay and neuter pets to reduce the number of unwanted offspring in the county that have to be euthanized. So far, so good, but as the front page was being assembled, late word came in of a meeting that needed to be included in the column. That meant editing the items to shorten them. In the process, the beginning of the Humane Society item was left intact, but the middle of the sentence was removed. Thus the error that occurred. The Society urges pet owners to spay or neuter pets. Nothing else. And we offer our apologies to the Society.

A failure to communicate

Editor:

To keep in touch with the Albany community has not been the Albany Unified School District's strong history.

Now it is not only an opportunity to improve the information flow and effort, but crucial to the overall success of both construction projects, the reconstruction of Albany High and the new middle school.

Albany residents must be informed and must have easier access to any short and long term plans and announcements by the School District.

Along with other interested parents, I suggest that the Albany School District establish a telephone "Hotline" for parents and residents, to provide up-to-date telephone information: any meetings that are open to the public, relocation of classes, etc.

I welcome the increased number of meetings that were held during this summer. Too few interested Albany residents knew about them and were able to plan to attend.

Jacques Berchten
Albany

Let Sacramento hear from you

Editor:

Assembly Bill 95, sponsored by Sweeney and Aguiar and designed to restore to cities and counties tax monies the state has stolen from us, and to prevent future raids by the state, passed in the Assembly 77 to 0. It is now in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The Word is that since Gov. Wilson threatens to veto it, the Senate will not pass it. Please write to Sen. Patrick Johnston, Chair Senate Appropriations Committee, Sacramento, CA 95814. Remind him that city and county services have greatly declined since the state stole our money, and demand the passage of AB 95. This is an "urgency bill", which means that if it passes, it becomes

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here and elsewhere on the thinning of trees.

Eucalyptus has an extraordinary ability to ignite and then spread its embers over miles of countryside. The tree encourages fire by shedding its leaves, bark, and branchwood to act as fuel. The bark is thin as paper and becomes an airborne firebrand when lit, igniting new fires as far as six to 18 miles away. After a fire, the eucalyptus returns even stronger than before, pushing flora less well adapted to the margins.

This is a matter of life and death. Our home burned down in the 1991 firestorm. Although we survived, we thought we had died and gone to hell during the long years of recovering, wasted years that were incredibly stressful. For the sake of lives, for the sake of people whose homes will burn down in Oakland/Berkeley/Hayward/San Leandro/Fremont/Orinda/Moraga Firestorm Part II if nothing is done, let the East Bay Regional Park system know you support their plan to thin and manage the eucalyptus. Soon, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will hold hearings over whether to help fund this work with a \$500,000 grant. A vocal minority opposed to the fire prevention work will be at these hearings. It's time for the rest of us to speak up and to begin managing this menace.

Alice Friedemann
Oakland

Addressing symptom but not the cause?

Editor:

While Nancy Mennel, President of the Family Alliance for the Mentally III may feel strongly that AB1100 (which requires that insurance usually provided by employers also cover mental illness) is a good price of legislation, it is merely a monetary gift to psychiatry and psychology.

It's not to be debated here that people do or do not have mental problems, what I am opposed to is providing additional funding for what many have come to realize are two of the biggest failures of the 20th century: psychiatry and psychology.

It may shock you to realize the facts that psychiatry and psychology have never cured anyone. That is because they work on the false premise that people are soulless animals, meat body chemical contrivances that only the addition of more chemicals can cure. It's time to realize that people's mental problems do not stem from chemical imbalances in the brain. Working from that assumption is why psychiatry and psychology have been such utter and dismal failures. Certainly if one adds a goopy substance to a noisy car engine it may quiet down, but has one found out what was causing the problem in the first place? Psychiatry and psychology have resorted to chemical fixes because they do not know how to really assist people with their mental problems

and because the administering of drugs is more profitable to the drug companies than workable methods to assist people to truly get better.

While our government continues to fund mental health programs, crime rates, teen suicides and mayhem in the society are reaching record levels. Our schools, which with the introduction of programs like Goals 2000, are becoming mental health wards rather than teaching institutions, continue to see unprecedented levels of trouble with students and plummeting test scores. By their own words, this is what psychiatry has in store for our school children:

"Every child in America entering school at the age of five is mentally ill because he comes to school with certain allegiances to our founding fathers, toward our elected officials, toward his parents, toward a belief in a supernatural being and toward the sovereignty of this nation as a separate entity. It's up to you as teachers to make all these sick children well — by creating the international child of the future." Psychiatrist Chester M. Pierce, address to the 1973 Childhood International Education Seminar.

If that weren't enough, the only entity doing well as our society becomes more and more controlled by psychiatry and psychology are the pharmaceutical companies. The prescriptions of dangerous drugs, with equally dangerous side effects like Prozac and Ritalin are prescribed in larger and larger numbers every year, with no proof that anyone on these drugs is getting better in any way. They only become more manageable, not cured.

Only with the realization that psychiatry and psychology and the methods that they employ are worthless and actually destroying the future of this country (children) will we then look toward workable solutions to people's mental problems. The solutions we should embrace are those that make individuals more able to stand on their own, that make them better able to make ethical choices and which have a positive effect on the general state of our society. Naturally psychiatry and psychology rails against such solutions because in a sane world, a world without turmoil, funding for psychiatry and psychology and the drug companies would dry up. It's easy to see, when one steps back and looks, why psychiatry and psychology attack any and all programs that would make people better. There's no future for them in a world such as that.

David Callingham
El Cerrito

Let NASA chimps retire in dignity

Editor:

It has recently come to my attention that the chimpanzees who participated in the space program are now in need of our help. They are currently "leased" to a toxic chemical researcher who has a long history of animal abuse amounting to a number of violations of federal animal welfare laws.

On June 17 the Air Force met to figure out what to do with the remaining 145 chimpanzees. They are currently considering proposals to use them in laboratory testing or to permanently retire them.

Let's retire them in dignity and with honor so they can live in peace. We are currently organizing a proposal for permanent retirement. This will be expensive, as chimpanzees can live for 50-60 years. We are now talking about life or death for Minnie, age 40, Gigi, 38, Lil Mini, age 4, and all the other unique individuals. How about showing our capacity for friendship with other creatures and for gratitude. How about some expansiveness on our part?

Please write on behalf of the chimpanzees to Secretary Sheila Widnall, U.S. Air Force, 1670 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1670. For information contact In Defense of Animals, 131 Camino Alto, Suite E, Mill Valley, Ca. 94941, 415-388-9641.

Marie A. Long

A lesson on the street for the 'bon vivant of Ventura Avenue

"RAMPANT ANTHROPOMORPHISM is driving this country to the dogs. The likes of Betty White and Bob Barker have managed to elevate animals to a people status just short, so far, of budgie suffrage. The roster of species endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights expands in leaps and bounds from dogs and cats to cows and wart hogs and will eventually, no doubt, include fleas and flies and even children ..."

... thus did I sit down this week in my ergonomic chair, bared my teeth, growled, and began to fill this space with a list of the follies of animal righteousness. The above is how far I got when my cat William showed up, peering intently through the window at his eye level in the front door. Nothing will do but to let him in. Otherwise, he will stand up, exposing his beautiful white underbelly, and cry out until I do.

Nothing will do but to come sit on my lap, chase the flashing cursor around the screen, shed fur in my keyboard and critique the work. Otherwise, he will go behind the machine, unplug it and all is lost. No doubt he'd benefit from a semester or two at cat obedience school, but I'm already trained, so what the heck.

ONE OF THE DANGERS of keeping a cat is that, when he is lost, stolen or strays, friends are way too eager to thrust a new kitten upon you. When my cat Frank died, I vowed to remain petless, having known perfection in animal friendship, not to mention that I could lock up and leave home without worrying about what to do with the cat while I was away.

Shortly after my loss, I was at a party at Paul and Bea Koehn's house where they said, come out to the back garden to see the kittens. Knowing it is fatal to look at kittens, I said no thank you, — well, maybe just a quick peek. There was the mother, who had been rescued, very pregnant with a broken hip, from the Berkeley BART station, and a black and white, a calico and, last but not least, a pink striped fuzzball destined to be known after weaning as "my cat William, the bon vivant of Ventura Avenue."

INDIVIDUAL PERSONALITIES DIFFER one from another, of course, but I didn't know before how different they could be. Frank was a free range cat who came and went, in and out, day and night as the spirit moved him. In the house he was an introverted pussycat, nice enough to me but not caring to

socialize with visitors. On the other hand, he was ruthlessly protected by his interlopers without fear (and did a lot of vet time as a result).

William (who does not



By Phyllis Lyon

after dark at all) is a love fighter. I attribute this, at least in part, to the influence of the New Age companions. Hospitality is his middle name. Whoever comes over is welcomed through his cat door and into his house. Afterward, he goes sit in the back yard to the afternoon together lounge.

People of all race, color, creed, out on the sidewalk sitting on the couch, get the gladpaw treatment from my William. And that's how the Nice Guy got into trouble, believe.

He told me at length where he'd been, but the only part I fully understood was that it was all my fault.

the back fence saying names at the dog on Tulare inching to frenzy, in for dinner and watch Jeopardy! in the sun the six o'clock news in winter.

One night, however, it got later and later and darker and darker. No William. I toured neighborhood crying out his name. No response. Days passed without hide nor hair. Weeks passed. I imagined a broken body on Marin or foul play by bad boys, but it came down to this: My William, having been bred in the streets, has the right to match. If and when he came home, he will.

My faith in him was shaken one afternoon three weeks later when I recognized his voice, running complaint, coming along the side of the house. He was sleek, clean and sleeker than ever, very thirsty, apparently the worse for wear.

HE WAS ALSO ROYAL PEEVED. Maybe he was inadvertently shut up in somebody's basement and on mice, but who knows. He came at length where he'd been the only part I fully understood was that it was all my fault. Thereupon took a very long nap the couch and woke up, good new.



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YMCA names new regional president

The YMCA of the East Bay has named Robert A. Wilkins as president and chief executive officer, overseeing an area that encompasses Alameda County and west Contra Costa.

"I am very excited at this opportunity," Wilkins said. "The YMCA of the East Bay is poised to reach a new plateau of service—the potential of this YMCA to contribute to improved quality of life in Alameda and West Contra Costa counties is enormous. I look forward to working with our membership and stakeholders throughout the East Bay to realize this incredible potential and reach out as never before to the kids, families, and communities we need to serve."

Prior to his new position, Wilkins served as Executive Director of the Stuart M. Ketchum Downtown YMCA in Los Angeles, the largest urban YMCA in Southern California. Under his leadership, Ketchum produced record revenues and innovative new programs including the establishment of 10 community satellite centers.

Wilkins also served as Executive Director of the Weingart Urban Center in South Central Los Angeles and as Associate Executive Di-

rector of the Ketchum YMCA. In these roles he successfully developed numerous community and human development program models which are currently being replicated throughout the Los Angeles community and YMCA system.

Wilkins is an ordained minister and was Assistant Chaplain of American Baptists at the University of Southern California where he taught classes in contemporary religion and Biblical literature. Until his recent move to the East Bay, he was Associate Minister with the Trinity Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

The YMCA of the East Bay is the largest youth services organization in the San Francisco East Bay counties of Alameda and West Contra Costa. Since its founding in 1873, the YMCA of the East Bay has been a not-for-profit, member-supported organization dedicated to provid-



Robert A. Wilkins

ing important social, health, and recreational services and programs for residents of all ages. It has a \$15.2 million annual budget and operates nine branches and 61 child care centers.

Steger district starts sewer rehab

The Steger Sanitary District has started the rehabilitation or replacement of sewer lines in several areas of Kensington and El Cerrito. The \$350,000 project primarily involves the reconstruction of backyard and sideyard public sewers located in easements on private property. Work areas include Wellsley Avenue and around Coventry Road, Highgate Road and Ocean View Avenue in Kensington, as well as along Eureka Avenue and Sea View Drive in El Cerrito.

District Manager Larry Rugaard reported that the construction techniques used on the project provide the least intrusive method of con-

struction involving "trenchless" technology via pipe bursting or sliplining with a high density polyethylene liner pipe. The major excavation work normally associated with sewer construction is avoided; the only excavation required is for a pulling and entry pit and for the reconnection of the house sewer to the new liner pipe.

A condition of the construction contract is that any landscaping or surfaces disturbed or damaged be replaced in kind.

The project work started on Aug. 11, and is expected to be completed by Dec. 8.

Details: 524-4668.

Police Reports

Child takes long bike ride

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 6 p.m. on Aug. 21 a resident on the 1000 block of Masonic Avenue reported that his 7-year-old son was missing. He was last seen about 20 minutes prior riding his bike. At about 8:30 that evening the child was located on the 2700 block of Broadway in Oakland! He had been riding for a while when he discovered that he was lost. He went into a business he saw, told them he was lost and gave them his phone number. An Albany reserve officer picked up the boy and his bike and brought them home. A very happy

ending.

On the afternoon of Aug. 22 a resident on the 900 Kains Avenue reported that her 7-year-old son was missing. He was last seen walking north on Kains Avenue toward Solano Avenue. Searching the child's favorite places, officers located the child at a toy store on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue. The mother accompanied the officer to pick up her child. Another happy ending.

At about 11 p.m. on Aug. 23 an Oakland man reported he had just been attacked and robbed at gunpoint on the 1100 block of San Pablo Avenue. He stated that he was lured into

a vacant apartment by a 19-year-old black male. The victim did not know his attacker's name but could provide officers with information about where he lived. The victim said the attacker forcibly dragged him and threatened him. He was choked, punched and hit while the attacker stole the jacket he was wearing. The thief also took his wrist watch and money from his pockets before he was able to escape. The victim was able to identify the attacker from a photo lineup. Officers issued a warrant on the attacker for robbery, battery, kidnapping and burglary.

At about 11:30 p.m. on Aug. 17 an officer stopped a gray '86 Ford on San Pablo Avenue near Monroe Street

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Bad week for shoplifters

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — During a routine traffic stop on the corner of Tehama and Carlson on Aug. 18 at 4 p.m., a Richmond man was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and two glass pipes. Two San Pablo juveniles, stopped on Aug. 13 at 3 a.m. for drunk driving, were also found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

A Walnut Creek male and a San Pablo female were pulled over on Peers and Hill on Aug. 19 at 3 a.m. Both the driver and passenger were found to be under the influence of a controlled substance.

During a traffic stop on the corner of Cutting and San Pablo on Aug. 17, a Richmond female was found to be in possession of stolen mail.

On Aug. 13 at 3:30 p.m., a sus-

pect took medication from a shelf at Payless Drug Store, concealed it and exited the store. On Aug. 12 at 3 p.m., an El Cerrito juvenile was arrested by a citizen for taking a weight belt.

A San Leandro juvenile concealed a belt and sandals and attempted to leave Target on Aug. 13. On Aug. 17, a Richmond man took items from a shelf in Target and tried to obtain a refund voucher for the items. An El Cerrito woman was arrested for attempting to take items from the Plaza Lucky on Aug. 14.

At Atlas Liquors on Aug. 12, an approximately 35-year-old, African American female wearing a blue shirt and black and gold pants, standing 5-foot-3, stole a customer's wallet while the customer making a purchase.

There were three cases of domestic violence.

Between Aug. 12 and 13, on the 5000 block of Barrett, a '94 Nissan was broken into and the stereo was stolen.

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Ed. Fund seeks grant applications

The West Contra Costa Public Education Fund (Ed. Fund) is seeking applications for grants for innovative projects in West County schools.

Launched in 1983, The Ed. Fund seeks to enhance and enrich education for all students in grades K-12 in the WCCUSD. Last school year, the Ed. Fund provided nearly \$350,000 to district schools through grants and special programs. This included more than \$40,000 in grants to teachers and schools.

Last week, the Ed. Fund announced the availability of applications for its 1997-98 grant program. Grants are available in three categories: \$500 Mini-Grants, \$1,000 School-Wide Grants and one \$2,500 Special Education Grant.

All teachers, parents, and students working with teachers are eligible to apply for mini-grants. Principals or teams of at least 3 teachers are eligible to apply for school-wide grants and the Special Education grant.

In evaluating applications the Ed. Fund looks for innovative, exciting projects with high student impact. They are also looking for a high degree of teacher/student interaction and a clear integration with curriculum. Have questions? Call Susan Wittenberg, Ed. Fund Executive

Director, at 233-1464.

Application forms and further details are available from school principals or secretaries. The deadline for application submission is Oct. 3.

New Principals

In action at its Aug. 20 meeting, the WCCUSD school board announced several new administrative appointments. Shirley Calhoun, formerly principal of Pinole Middle School, was appointed to the position of summer school coordinator a position which includes oversight for the district's special education extended year program. Buddy Phillips, formerly principal at Sheldon Elementary, was named to replace Calhoun at Pinole Middle. Bonnie Cediell, formerly a principal at Grant Elementary and most recently in the district's bilingual department, will replace Phillips at Sheldon.

Welcome Back!

Can you believe it? Next Tuesday, Sept. 2 is the first day of school for over 30,000 WCCUSD students and the teams of administrators, teachers, and employees who serve them. Let me take this opportunity to wish one and all a very successful school year — and don't forget to



keep West County School Watch informed of all the goings-on at your school. Other dates to remember: Sept. 18 (Elementary Back to School Night), Sept. 25 (Middle School Back to School Night), and Oct. 9 (High School Back to School Night).

Want to receive "West County School Watch" and additional WCCUSD related information and alerts delivered to your email address? Send the message "Subscribe WCSW" to pakglen@aol.com. West County School Watch is also on the World Wide Web: <http://www.igc.org/westcounty/>.

County library seeking adult homework helper volunteers

Contra Costa County Library is recruiting adult volunteers to work as homework helpers to 6th, 7th and 8th graders as part of the free AfterSchool Enrichment Program at all public middle schools in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. The program consists of two to six volunteers working as a team providing assistance to a group of students. This is one of many self-esteem and skill-building activities offered to public middle school students through the After-School Enrichment Program sponsored by the West Contra Costa County Public Education Fund (Ed-Fund).

Volunteers are needed Monday through Thursday at Pinole, Juan Crespi, Portola, Adams, and Helms middle schools to provide homework help for approximately one and a half hours immediately after school. Must be willing to commit to one afternoon per week for a minimum of six months.

Participating with the Ed-Fund in this community-based collaboration are the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, Gateway Project, Richmond Art Center, YMCA, Berlex Biosciences, Los Cenzontles, the cities of San Pablo and El Cerrito, the West Contra Costa Unified School District, and the Contra Costa County Library. Details: 526-7512 or 758-2741.

Albany Fire Dept. offers CPR class

The Albany Fire Department is having a CPR Class on Aug. 30. The class is for Layperson Adult CPR, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Anyone wishing to sign up must do so at the Albany Fire Department.

The cost for the class is \$20. For more information, call 528-5770 extension 433.

The class is now open to the general public, as opposed to only Albany residents as has been the case in the past.

Stay in touch with the community: Subscribe to The Journal Call 338-1111

Obituarie

IRENE SCHLENKER

Rev. Irene Schlenker, 73, died on July 23, 1997, at San Diego. Irene came from Germany to California as a young person, moved to Berkeley in 1940, and lived in the East Bay for 57 years. She was a member of the Graduate Theological Union, ordained a Unitarian Universalist minister in 1960, and served as a minister of St. Mark's Church, chaplain at Stanford University, and worked as a substitute teacher for 15 years. She was social-minded, a healer to many, and a mother. Her death will be felt by her son Ethan Fassett of Berkeley, her twin sister Gretta Graves, her niece and nephew, Jennifer Graves, her loving U.S. and Germany, and many others. A memorial service will be held on September 4, 1997, at 4:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church in Kensington. The family may be sent to El Cerrito General Printing, 2331 Elm St., CA 94610. Memorial contributions may be made to a preferred charity.

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinernick

First October Fiesta co-sponsor named

Petfood, located at 6000 Ave. is the first local business to sign on as co-sponsor of the Chamber of Commerce's Second Annual Fiesta to be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 at El Cerrito Plaza.

According to the Fiesta Committee, negotiations are already under way with a number of local firms in an effort to recruit additional co-sponsors and financial support for this event. Among those who have already agreed to back the event are Mail Boxes, Etc., located at 190 El Cerrito Plaza, Sunset Cemetery Association of 101 El Cerrito Ave., and Larry Seidell of 11319 San Pablo Ave.

Other businesses or individuals interested in helping the Fiesta effort are being asked by the Committee to contact the chamber as soon as possible by calling 233-7040.

The '97 October Fiesta will simultaneously celebrate El Cerrito's 80th anniversary and the city-wide Round-Up Sale Days. The event, which is open to the public free of charge, will feature food produced by local restaurants, products made

by leading craftspeople, special displays and demonstrations, continuous free entertainment throughout the mall, and special activities for youngsters.

Fiesta Committee Chairman Janet Jolley reports that, on the basis of strong early registration and the heavy number of inquiries received, this year's event promises to be one of the largest gatherings of civic groups and craftspeople ever held in West Contra Costa County.

"This year's Fiesta will offer the people of this area a rather unique opportunity to do their Christmas shopping early," Jolley said.

Those wishing to exhibit at this event may now obtain applications by visiting the Chamber at 10848 San Pablo Ave. or by calling 233-7040.

New member welcomed

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce welcomes as its newest member the Hippy Hop Baby Shop, located at 11236 San Pablo Ave.

Owned and operated by Cheryl Crain, the newly opened store buys and sells all baby items and toys.

The Chamber also wishes to express its appreciation to Golden Dynasty Restaurant, Cindy's Unique Gifts, the Guitar Center and PG&E for demonstrating their continued support by renewing their membership investment.

Local phone book distributed

A new local telephone book put out by In-Ads Directory Publishers, a member of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, was distributed to homes here recently.

Those who failed to get a copy of the directory, which covers businesses in El Cerrito, Albany and Kensington, or those who wish a second copy, may obtain one free of charge at the Chamber office at 10848 San Pablo Ave.

Among the items included in this new local directory is a listing of all El Cerrito and Albany chamber members, local school and church numbers, government listings, tips on earthquake preparedness, a guide for those planning to move, community information, special attorney, auto, golf, physician and restaurant guides — not to mention poetry and some 40 money-saving coupons.

Lions to mark 70th Birthday

The El Cerrito Lions Club, an associate member of the Chamber, will celebrate its 70th Charter

Anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 6, with a dinner at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club.

Keynote speaker for this event celebrating 70 years of Lionism and community service in El Cerrito will be Dr. Bill Iannaccone, past International Director and past District Governor.

Free business training class

Local residents who are currently unemployed are invited to participate in a free 10 week training session for start-up businesses being sponsored by the Contra Costa Private Industry Council, a member of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

The sessions, which will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Sept. 16 through Nov. 20, will provide small business education, assist in the development of a business plan, provide additional business resources and networking opportunities, and facilitate in the start up of a business.

Residents interested in applying for this free training session may do so by calling 646-5249.

Open house tonight

The public is invited to an open house tonight from 5:30 to 7 p.m. to mark the dedication of the city's new fire station at 1520 Arlington Boulevard.

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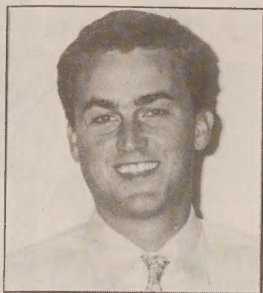
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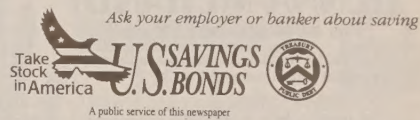
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tensive use and blend of computer animation, CD-ROM technology, elements of cyberspace, and its off-beat, quirky qualities make it an unusually futuristic show.

It's also very funny. The fact that something this unusual and daring made it on to a major network amazes me.

This show could herald a new era in creativity in television, something in desperately short supply for years. It is also, significantly, one of the first solid indications of what the convergence of two major technologies (TV's and PC's) might some day look like.

Oedecker is a comic who began his TV career writing for "In Living Color" who then went on to write and direct Jim Carrey in his two "Ace Ventura" films. He wrote and directed the new Tim Robbins/Martin Lawrence film, "Nothing to Lose."

Next Wednesday's pioneering show owes more to Carrey's "Mask," however, with its popping eyeballs and its manic, off-the-wall feel.

You soon find yourself wondering which elements of this goofy show are computer-generated, which are live-action. But a large part of the appeal of "oedecker.com" is that all this cutting-edge computer technology is used in such a wildly creative, imaginative, and even daring way. (It's a sick show at times, but it's

neither self-indulgent nor tasteless.)

The show's eye-popping visuals will freeze channel (and Web) surfers in their tracks. You can't NOT look at this bizarre, even surreal, always funny juxtaposition of different elements: A real-life baby's head appears on the body of a man conducting a job interview; a slice of bacon in a pan cries out "I want my mommy!"; a flaming, computer-generated hot pepper jumps on a live-action character's hamburger and burns a hole through his tongue.

This is all assembled in a way that's quite clever — and cleverness is also notably missing on American TV. The NBC special owes much to TV's cleverest show ever, "Monty Python's Flying Circus."

The graphics and pace are so riveting that while watching it, I nearly overlooked the show's writing (something that always makes or breaks a show for me). This show may change the rules: Even if it weren't particularly well-written (which it is), its visual elements are so unusual and creative in themselves that the spoken (and ergo, written) word seems irrelevant much of the time.

It also makes one wonder if this sort of thing might not some day even become standard network fare. After all, if you have computer-literate folks with a wit of creativity — something that's in ample supply on the Web these days — and you give these people access to new animation software and plenty of computer memory, many of them might also be able to

create a visually compelling multimedia show like this. After all, who needs regularly scheduled network series when creative people can come up with something else viewers will watch — and for a fraction of the money it takes to pay actors? And computer animation is getting ever cheaper. TV networks could conceivably evolve into a patchwork of shows and specials like "oedecker."

Oedecker bounces back and forth between his real and "virtual" personalities (mostly the latter) in this high-energy and relentlessly playful hour. Oedecker, especially in animation, reminds one a lot of Carrey. But you don't need Jim Carrey's rubberized face when you can do the same thing in animation.

Possibly the most appealing thing about this groundbreaking show — it's years beyond "Max Headroom" — is the creative vistas this new convergence of technologies promises to open. Isn't it a funny, if seemingly far-fetched idea to have a big jet airliner stalk someone (remember the huge cat who loomed over the town in "Python")? Oedecker is able to do it here with today's computerized video technology.

You can't blow up an elderly woman in live-action, but put her into the context of a "Defender"-type video game, as Oedecker does, and it becomes more acceptable — and hilarious. "Is there no sick old woman that can stand before me?" Oedecker's angular video-game alter ego thunders.

Wednesday's special aims to change the rules. Technology has a way of doing that. Television needs creative visionaries like Oedecker more than they need TV, given all the new delivery systems. But put the two together, as you'll witness here, and it's a powerful combination. Only time will tell if the networks realize they're on to something bigger here than a one-hour show.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: Local comic Johnny Steele is a more than adequate replacement for Alex Bennett as host of Live-105's morning show. I like Steele's description of his native of Contra Costa County:

"Indianapolis by Berkeley." ... My station sources inform me country station KNEW has given all its DJ's 30 days' notice. Watch for the S.F. station to go talk. The name of KGO Radio second-in-command Jack Swanson has been banded about as the one who might run the new KNEW. When I asked Swanson's wife, KSFO morning personality Melanie Morgan about the rumors about her husband, I got a terse "no comment" ... Finally, a story making the rounds at Microsoft: Bill Gates is thundering to his chief financial officer: "You spent \$150 million on WHAT? I said 'Snapple,' you idiot!"

Companion

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and hot lines to make sure all were accurate and up to date.

Originally conceived between the two when they were teammates on El Cerrito's Masters' Swim Team, the book was written by both, with the style of each complimenting the other. Already nearly sold out of its first printing, and with another run by the Book of the Month Club in the works, the companion provided its authors both with a chance to reach out to other women, and, in the quiet of Smith's home, to examine issues which were effecting their lives as well.

For example, not only do children move away in midlife, but older loved ones often need care. "I think that was one chapter we felt moved by a

lot," says Smith of the "Everybody Needs Me Now" section.

For both authors, another realization centered around the fact that, while midlife may contain many ending, it is also a time of beginnings. "I think you can start over at the very last minute of your life," says Lucks.

"(Midlife) is an opportunity to look at what we have and have not done," says Smith, adding that the book, instead of pointing readers in one direction, instead offers many to choose from. "It really emphasizes that every woman is unique."

The authors will conduct readings on Sept. 11 at Stacey's Bookstore in San Francisco at 5:30 p.m., at Borders, in Emeryville, on Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m., and at Gaia, in Berkeley, on Nov. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Bill Mann

The next wave

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"Steve.oedecker.com" is a sneak preview of TV's future. In 20 years there are few broadcasts I would call "groundbreaking." But this one, next Wednesday (Sept. 3) at 8 p.m. on KRON/NBC, is.

It's a uniquely innovative show we shouldn't miss. And I suspect "oedecker.com" will be especially well-received here in our weird Bay Area community. In fact, I suspect "oedecker" will go right over the heads of many sure-to-be-confused viewers. The one-hour special's ex-

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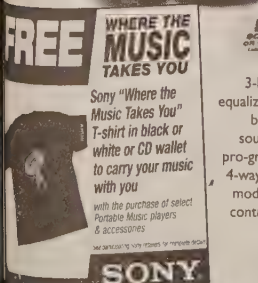
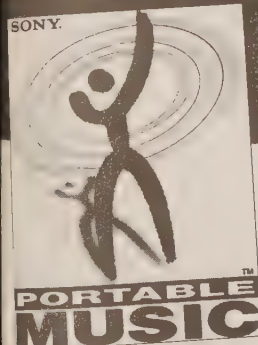
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Damon

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Damon drives home to Nevada to visit his mother, who lives in their 130-year-old house and suffers from Alzheimer's.

When he graduated, Damon wanted to be a radio astronomer, designing antennas to listen to stars. But when funding went toward putting a man on the moon, Damon got sidetracked into telecommunications. After his employer, Western Electric, moved to Boston, Damon walked into Bechtel and was hired on the spot. Although he said he didn't mean to stay there, he has been there for 30 years.

In 1962, Damon and his wife Emily bought the house they still inhabit. His daughter took her first steps in their living room, said Damon, and his attachment to his home does not stop in there. It extends out to all of El Cerrito.

When Damon found that a developer had purchased the hilly lot next door to him he purchased the hill instead, and is now transforming it into a neighborhood park.

Redevelopment

"To solve a problem, we need to get to the root of it," said Damon. While Councilmembers Gina Brusatori and Jane Bartke are investigating the redevelopment agency's finances, he continued, residents need to ask themselves, "If the redevelopment agency were managed properly, why would it need a task force?"

If the redevelopment agency is managed properly, its manager would immediately answer any question about its financial condition, said Damon.

"Before you can look to see what you want to be," said Damon, "you must look at how you really are."

If the Agency admits it is in trouble, said Damon, why does it proceed so aggressively? If the Agency doesn't know about its financial situation, why is it spending money so aggressively?

In order to eliminate piecemeal development, Damon thinks El Cerrito needs a comprehensive citywide plan, replete with agreed-upon acceptance criteria for development, and drawn-out like the plan generated by the Prince of Wales Institute.

The Agency/Council needs to hold out for quality and originality, he said. They need to stop buying property at extremely high prices, thereby working themselves into a debt only relieved by a quick-fix, low-quality development.

Pointing out what he sees as warring land-uses, Damon describes the Del Norte area, with the future Del Norte Marketplace (Staples, Pep Boys and Walgreens). Target is across from the proposed and defeated megatheater and residential mixed-use project, which is across from Del Norte Place, which is across from "blight."

Most of the developments are car-based, and all are built around BART. Damon said, "It's a patchwork quilt of low-quality quick-fixes."

The problem with redevelopment, said Damon, is a lack of integration. Redevelopment is only one part of the overall equation. While redevelopment is supposed to take on difficult-to-develop properties, it should be integrated in with market-driven development.

Redevelopment should not threaten natural development with unfair competition, or with the threat of eminent domain, said Damon.

"The Agency makes redevelopment at odds with development, and then they wonder what the problem is," Damon added.

Damon identifies redevelopment's purpose as fighting blight, not increasing sales tax revenue. "We are using the wrong tool for the wrong job," he said.

Results of the recent Chamber of Commerce survey on redevelopment reflected a lack of confidence in the Redevelopment agency, he said. Therefore, the city needs to do a rigorous analysis of agency finances, isolating the root causes of any redevelopment problem.

The Agency needs to stop spending money until it knows it can cover its debt, and then when the agency starts going forward with projects, it must be held accountable for the money it spends, said Damon.

Projects

Asked for his opinion on the Del Norte Marketplace Project, Damon said, "three councilmembers (Jane Bartke, Norman La Force and Norma Jellison) are rushing to judgement. They are indemnified from having to face the electorate again. They are set on giving the next council a set of cards they cannot play." If the next council tried to stop the Del Norte Marketplace Project, it would risk litigation, he said.

As for what uses he would place at the El Cerrito Plaza, Damon said, his preference would be a research park. "El Cerrito shouldn't say, 'just leave your car here and go,' but 'leave

your car somewhere else and come here.'" With high-tech enterprise, like Sybase or Pixar in Emeryville, people with higher incomes would come to the city and buy higher-quality merchandise, said Damon.

While Damon liked the Prince of Wales plan overall, he said it is based on a lot of information given, a lot denied, and a lot implied. Like the city-sponsored South Gateway community planning process, "There was the impression you had to use every block," said Damon.

There are 10 times as many signatures on the "no housing at the Plaza" petition, said Damon, as there were attendees at the Prince of Wales Planning meeting.

Anomalies and mistakes

Damon sees anomalies as portals into "the root of the problem." For example, he said, while Councilmember Gina Brusatori didn't vote for the Plaza site plan, she voted for the final environmental impact report. "How can you even study the impacts, when you don't know the exact layout?" asked Damon.

Damon believes the plan for the plaza is far too loose to warrant an EIR at all.

Damon, one of several citizens who together wrote a 135-page response to the Del Norte D-EIR, said the document had "more holes in it than swiss cheese."

And when the city gave citizens three days to read and receive responses to their Plaza EIR comments, before approving the report, Damon drove around to people's homes and, by hand, gave each of them the responses to their comments.

Something crystallized Damon's lack of faith in the city staff's protection of city assets. When there was a crack in the floor of the Canyon Trail Clubhouse, city staff said it had to be torn down because the foundation was structurally flawed.

Damon questioned their prognosis, bringing in experts from Bechtel, who concluded there was no flaw in the foundation. Instead of being demolished, some cosmetic changes were made to the clubhouse.

Deficit

Stark

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A split between the two powers, Stark believes, will create checks and balances currently lacking. Stark proposes that the split be complete, with the newly-elected Agency board being served by a separate Agency staff, meeting on a separate night, and responsible for a completely separate budget. (While the City's and the Agency's separation is mandated by law, the Agency currently owes the city \$966,000 it has borrowed over the last three years.)

Either a majority of the council will see the wisdom of separating the powers, and do it by ordinance, said Stark, or the separation will be achieved by petition or ballot.

Stark is confident people will see the logic in this split. "The public by and large has lost faith in the redevelopment agency," said Stark. But it's crucial to see this separation of powers, said Stark, not just as criticism, but as constructive criticism.

The relationship between the city staff and the city council/redevelopment agency also needs to be overhauled, said Stark. He believes their current relationship is inappropriate, with the staff too often advocating a certain decision. "Their job is to provide information, not advocacy," he said.

Perhaps most extreme is the "pay-as-you-go" concept. If the redevelopment staff sees money for legal costs and staff costs coming from their own pockets, said Stark, they will act more responsibly.

The city needs an outside audit and a financial analysis of the Agency, "one that will guarantee the underlying figures," he maintains. As for how the city would fund such an analysis, Stark answered, "How can we afford not to pay for it?" He cites a local number cruncher's estimation of the Target project as a "financial debacle," that will cost the city nearly \$12 million.

Stark believes the Agency considers far too few factors when assessing the potential profitability or loss of a project. The Agency needs to account for the money it takes from the city in tax increment, said Stark, as well as the money it adds in terms of sales tax (subtracting what Stark calls the "parasitic" sales tax that redevelopment projects divert from competing local businesses) and subtracting the debt service and interest on the debt service.

The projects should pencil out to \$0, he said. The Redevelopment Agency, by law, cannot make a profit. But Stark wants to know, "What do we get back on the city side? Does it justify the tax increment diversion?" Proponents of redevelopment characterize tax increment as free money,

In order to deal with the impending \$1 million deficit, Damon suggests arresting spending, completing a financial analysis and establishing a payment plan for current debt, saying, "We need to run the city the way the citizens run their households."

And, if necessary, the council will have to ask citizens to pay a tax. "People know that taxes are necessary; taxes are the lifeblood of our system of government," he said. Damon stressed the need for straightforwardness in any taxation. Leaders need to establish what the tax is going to pay for, why it is necessary, and how we spent the tax monies before, he said.

Damon calls for a reprioritization. While litigation has gone up 6-fold for the Agency, he said, the department of parks and recreation is on a cash-and-carry basis. He not only wants to put money toward parks and recreation, but also toward police services.

Civility

Damon has hopes that no matter who is elected, the overall result will serve as a catalyst for new thinking. "We can't exist as we are," said Damon. "We will tear each other up."

Yet, Damon takes issue with the Mayor's claim that regular city council attendees and critics are not representative of the community. "So who is? I don't see anyone else in front of the council. The only people who are representative are the people who are not critical of the council?" asked Damon.

It takes a lot of courage and dedication to be lectured and dismissed by council members and limited by three-minute rules, and yet to still hold out for quality, he said Damon.

As for increasing citizen involvement, Damon said he would mail, televise, and speak. If elected, he plans to retire from his fulltime job. Therefore, he will have time to hear everyone out.

"I will sit in one place all day on a Saturday, with a pitcher of ice tea beside me; I will receive phone calls and email, and I will respond to each and every citizen query or concern," Damon said.

said Stark, adding "There is no such thing."

Redevelopment is by design not the answer to El Cerrito's large and commercial retail problem. Stark maintains. Redevelopment should be confined to hard-to-develop plots. In short, "It should be used as a scalpel, not as a meat ax," he said.

Consensus

The success of not only the redevelopment agency, said Stark, but development itself, depends on the creation of a consensus vision for El Cerrito 2020. Stark proposes extensive "community visioning," aimed at developing a blueprint for El Cerrito design development, which would eventually be put on the ballot and integrated into the city's zoning laws.

Under the consensus vision, development should be largely self-financed and developers should bear the cost of eminent domain, said Stark. When asked why developers would choose to come to El Cerrito when they would get hand-outs elsewhere, Stark answered: "Once we have a highly detailed view of what we want, if what the developer wants to build fits into our vision, we can offer them a fast track." The Prince of Wales Institute's vision will provide a place to start from, he said.

Yet, in terms of the Plaza, Stark thinks the students were misled by vocal but not representative housing proponents. "The majority of the community is 180 degrees away from that," said Stark, who nonetheless thinks their plan for the Plaza BART station "was right down the middle of the bowling alley." The placement of retail between BART passengers and their cars and the placement of parking at Del Norte on the west side of San Pablo Stark considers as especially inspired.

Obviously, this consensus vision will demand record citizen participation. To promote participation, Stark puts one tenet above all: giving the public enough lead time. He proposes using cable programming, the local paper, the community bulletin, as well as outreach to churches, the senior center, and the library. "This can't be done on the cheap or the quick," he said.

Redevelopment projects

"Unfortunately, we can't afford to be as picky as we want with the Plaza," Stark said.

The overall indebtedness of the Agency, if it proceeds with the Wilton/Terranomics plan, might outweigh the benefits of that plan, he said. Admitting his numbers were educated guesses, Stark broke down the possible indebtedness of the Agency.

Stark points out that the Agency

Friedman

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County supervisor, now a state assemblyman. When Wilma Chan took over Perata's post, Friedman stayed on. Friedman is now Chief of Staff, dealing with economic development, environmental issues, land use, health care, conversion of military bases and transportation. He supervises a staff of four.

Friedman said his skills in analyzing problems and uniting people in transition are well suited in this phase of El Cerrito's history. His experience in nonprofit organizations, community organizing and in county government enhance his understanding of El Cerrito's challenges. That understanding, Friedman said, will translate into tangible benefits for the community.

El Cerrito's major challenges are the same as those for all local governments, said Friedman; the challenge is finding the revenue to cover basic services. With state shifts of tax revenue and the passage of Prop. 218, property taxes have shifted to Sacramento. It is increasingly difficult to provide those services all citizens come to expect, including road, police, fire, senior and youth services.

Governments are increasingly geared toward increasing sales tax, said Friedman, adding, "In El Cerrito, our challenge is how to stimulate the local economy in ways compatible with local residents' wishes." He lists his top priorities, in terms of revenue, as rejuvenating the Plaza, developing Del Norte, as well as the whole San Pablo corridor.

The city is "built out" (no new sites to populate), therefore there are no injections of new housing and, because of its stable senior population, little turn-over of housing. "Redevelopment is one of the few tools for economic development in El Cerrito," said Friedman. But as a tool, redevelopment needs to be used with care, said Friedman.

Many communities, he added, treat redevelopment like a candy store. Businesses come and scoop up the candy, with no commitment to the values of that city. The challenge is to use the money to create sustainable projects appreciated by most El

has already committed \$5.9 million to the Plaza project, largely for site acquisition costs. Since the Agency doesn't have even that money, it will have to float bonds, which by Stark's rule of thumb doubles the payment to just less than \$12 million. However, the Agency's contribution of \$5.9 million is based on an estimated site acquisition cost of \$15 million. Stark suspects the true cost will be closer to \$20 million to \$25 million. (The official assessment has not been made public.) That would mean the Agency would have to make up the difference, adding another \$5 million to \$10 million to the Agency's obligation. Since this additional contribution would also have to be raised by a bond, this number would also double, for a total Agency contribution of \$22 million to \$32 million, not including the legal costs of eminent domain condemnation. Without housing (which is especially profitable for the developer) the cost of the project (and the Agency's contribution) soars even higher.

In the best of possible worlds, said Stark, the city would encourage Milton Bilak, the current owner of 60 percent of the Plaza, to become an equity partner in the Wilton Terranomics redevelopment, thereby decreasing the site acquisition costs. Stark acknowledges that as highly unlikely. The Agency is in the process of seizing Bilak's property by eminent domain.

Or it could let Bilak develop the Plaza with no financial participation from the agency or the city, he said. Bilak claims he has national-scale tenants ready to sign leases and renovate the Plaza.

Whichever way it goes, said Stark, it's crucial to unify the Plaza under one owner. He blames the dilapidation of the Plaza on a balkanized three-way ownership, where any one owner has the power to veto proposed improvements by another owner.

"Whatever goes in there needs to make economic sense," concludes Stark.

Stark classifies the Del Norte Marketplace project (including a Staples, Pep Boys and Walgreen's across from the Del Norte BART station) as a "quick fix" to satisfy Agency's approaching loan payments. His greatest objection is not so much to the tenancing, but to the site plan, which puts a sea of parking in front of three big boxes. Stark said the Agency could perhaps "dig in its heels" with the site plan and attempt to revise it.

Deficit

For Stark, El Cerrito's two most worrisome problems are El Cerrito's

Cerritans.

"We have to form partnerships with developers with more creative approaches," Friedman said. Wilton/Terranomics, the developers of the Plaza, he said, have the ability to initiate the community's ideas, such as the street grid, the town square, creek restoration and mixed use.

Problems with development in the past can be partly attributed to problems of demographics, said Friedman. And the demographics have not changed.

"I am disappointed in many of the development projects completed in El Cerrito," said Friedman, describing them as "just more big-box retail, the same store in San Pablo, Pinole, El Sobrante and throughout the nation. It leads to communities without separate identities."

The creation of an innovative vision of El Cerrito, and that vision's translation into practical projects was what was learned from the Prince of Wales Institute, he said Friedman, adding that he supports the "thrill of New Urbanism."

Friedman found the concept of transit-oriented neighborhood nodes with community gathering points attractive. Yet, he found the notion that the city could simply start implementing the plan, without any money, unrealistic. "We don't even have money for basic services," Friedman said. "Unless the community is willing to tax themselves or issue bonds, it will be difficult to do any of these changes."

For good or for ill, most of redevelopment funds are committed to existing projects (Target, Del Norte Marketplace, Del Norte BART/Mayfair lot and the Plaza. The Agency's bonding capacity "is thin at the very least," said Friedman. And even installing more trees is a major undertaking.

Asked his opinion on the Del Norte Marketplace Project, Friedman said, "Had I been on the council when that had come up, I'm almost certain I would have voted against it. It's the perfect example of auto-driven, big-box, homogeneous retail, totally driven by increasing sales tax revenue. It's located a stone's throw from the BART station, while the

structural deficit and its desperate need to jump-start the Plaza.

To solve the deficit, the Agency first needs to pay the city back and be put on a self-supporting basis, Stark maintains.

Second, two task forces must be formed, a finance and services task force and an infrastructure and capital improvements task force, whose members will mirror El Cerrito's demographics, to make recommendations on what level of services, infrastructure and capital improvements the city needs, and how it will fund them.

If the task forces recommend a tax, the most likely opponents of that tax need to be invited into the process of formulating a ballot measure, said Stark. As a member of the Citizens' Task Force on Services and Finance, which recommended a Fire Benefit Assessment that the council turned into the defeated measure H, Stark emphasizes that the council must trust the wisdom of the city's task forces.

In 1996, when the Citizens' Task Force on Services and Finance suggested a \$75 Fire Benefit Assessment, the incumbent city council hiked the sum up to \$125, without explanation. Many people, including Stark, blame Measure H's defeat on the council's failure to respect its task force's recommendation.

Civility

In his campaign pamphlet, Stark lists "restoring an atmosphere of civility" at the top of his priority list. "The council must set an example. The council must listen to the public and modify its policies in accordance with their good ideas and expressed will," said Stark.

Councilmembers are inevitably going to be targets for citizen animosity and frustration, said Stark. "It's crucial the city council not react in kind."

As to whether current council critics are representative, Stark (a frequent critic himself) said, "It doesn't matter if they are representative, you still must listen to them."

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development itself revolve

While Friedman has generated by students from of Wales Institute to plan parking west of San Pablo, developers of Del Norte say "are not necessarily commu-

As for redevelopment Friedman said, the city strategize the Agency's the city.

Civility

Friedman has been chairing mediating meetings with Norte Planning Task Force, of community members, holders charged with the community process for development of the Del Norte BART/Mayfair site. The process looks to generate a community vision for the

The Del Norte Planning has a tone of "We are together," Friedman said, "creating a shared vision beyond the hostility that has much of El Cerrito's civi-

That includes city councilings, where Friedman says people critical of city express their dissatisfaction harsh way" that has kept participating "for fear they hooted down."

Friedman said his work profit and government taught him the necessity of people with respect, listening and responding to them.

The most disgruntled critics, Friedman believes, are representative of most of the Cerrito. Yet, he believes responsibility of city officials, to show respect for people when they disagree with the

"Those people that express opposition do lots of research, they get up to speak," said Friedman. "I respect them for looking issues and making a contribu-

"Some of my colleagues have taken all they are given. I don't feel that way. I think a job of an elected official, to the negative tones," said Friedman.

Deficit

It is projected that after 99 fiscal year, the city will have exhausted its reserves and be running \$1 million a year in deficit, Friedman said he is not being one in a five-member mental body responsible for of a deficit.

"Through my regional (especially balancing Alameda billion budget), I have become at pinching pennies. We are ally work with the community out what services they think essential, what they will pay for, how they want to pay for it."

Either the city issues a recreation bond, said Stark, leaders develop an extraordinary tax measure with community input and support will depend on a 2/3 vote community, so the council reach out to the community even though it did with Measure H. "And we can't mess with conclusions."

Environment

Friedman is well-versed on environmental issues, in regional environmental clean-up, with environmental problems from military base closure. He is on the Lead Poison Prevention Authority in Alameda County.

His experience with environmental work prompted the Sierra do an early endorsement.

For El Cerrito, Friedman's eral environmental issues include creek restoration, parks and space, and regional transportation.

They include restoring Baxter creeks, working to prove the trails throughout rito, as well as keeping the forefront of recycling.

In terms of transit, El Cerrito to take advantage of the two stations, said Friedman. "We chance to make model transit developments." That means aging transit-based mixed use and retail, to serve the people who live in these areas as well as BART riders, he said.

He mentioned several ideas for the Del Norte BART station such as telecommuting offices, T-1 computer lines or other institutions. He said while these are attractive, the organizations most likely be nonprofit, which afford much in the way of taxes or sales taxes. "These uses need to be integrated with sales-tax generating ventures," Friedman said.

As for the rest of his vision, Friedman said, he is going "positive one," and hopes residents do the same. "Even if we disagree on some issues, I think we will be able to do so in a positive

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Carol Egan

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an equally accomplished junior musician.

Other students were 15 and 16 year olds from CPS, Albany High School, and Berkeley High. Their experience ranged from little, as in the case of Yvan Iturriaga whose only other exposure to music was in a class taught by Cespedes at Laney College last summer, to extensive. Daniel Hagerty, a 16-year-old CPS student, studies conga and plays classical and jazz piano. During the workshop he alternated playing electric bass, piano and drums.

The young drummers had the luxury of working with sets of conga drums donated to La Peña by Latin Percussion, one of the world's leading producers of Latin instruments.

During a break in the session, Cespedes, who believes in widening, rather than narrowing, the students' perspective, explained his agenda. "Basically, we want to teach them the vocabulary of the

spontaneous standing ovation at the play's conclusion.

Central Works, which has been in existence since 1990, has a history of high-quality productions including *The Golden Era* (written and directed by Roux director, Gary Graves), Alan Bennett's hilarious *Kafka's Dick*, and works by Moliere, James McLure and Racine.

Using the same space in the Berkeley City Club that houses the larger and more ambitious Aurora Theatre Company, Central Works also shares Aurora's commitment to intelligent, well-produced plays, dependent on ideas and text rather than theatrical gimmickry.

This season the seven-member ensemble once again decided to create an original play derived from its own chosen theme and collective research. The topic selected was "Women Who Murder," and, although the entire group joined in for R&D, followed by a period of improvisation (fol-



Samora Pinderhughes, 7, jams on the congos during 'Son De La Loma' with other students participating in the Afro-Cuban music class at La Peña last week.

music. In between we want to give them a little bit of the history."

Throughout the class he enlightened the young musicians through his comments. He talked about Salsa dancing, all the rage now, and pointed out that "In this music, you dance to the bass line." (Unlike most Americans, who follow the melody). His momentary demonstration made very clear what was meant by this statement.

Following the break, work resumed but with the addition of more instruments and "dictation" exercises in which Cespedes, play-

ing cowbell, improvised a short rhythmic phrase, directing it to one of the students who had to respond with the same rhythm.

"All we're doing is picking up little rhythmic patterns and putting notes to them. That's called improvisation." Meanwhile, the drummers continue to alternate between son and danzon, the two main rhythmic patterns learned to date. (They also spent some time working on song and 6/8 rhythms).

Samora's mother, in attendance the entire time, was clearly amazed

at the quality of instruction. "They've learned improvisation, ensemble playing, soloing, three or four rhythmic styles, some history, and songs—all in only three days." She is grateful to La Peña in presenting this opportunity for Samora to increase his already considerable knowledge. He has been studying with Jacqueline Rago, another local musician of renown, since she visited his preschool, Centro Vida, when he was two and discovered his great tal-

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Berkeley Symphony revels in childlike

By Marilyn Tucker

Kent Nagano was keen to approach the opening of the 27th season of the Berkeley Symphony like a child filled with starry-eyed wonder, fear and delight of the surrounding world.

This "childlike program," as Nagano introduced it last Saturday at Zellerbach Hall, had everything from toys coming to life in Thomas Ades' *Living Toys* to a dingy Don Quixote doing battle with a pretend stageful of Moorish soldier puppets in Manuel de Falla's *Master Peter's Puppet Show*.

In between there was the child Mozart imitating the sound of his mother spreading butter on bread in an amusing piano fragment called—what else?—*Butter Brot* and a more mature Mozart having some hilarious fun at the expense of blundering and inept composers in *A Musical Joke*, K. 522, a three-movement suite for strings and horns that dares a listener not to laugh out loud.

All of the above works made use of a more-or-less reduced orchestra, reflecting management's continuing hacking away at a deficit that threatened the orchestra's existence last season, according to new board president Kenneth A. Johnson, whose pre-concert remarks promised that the Berkeley Symphony was now "back on track."

At 26, the English composer Thomas Ades, whose 20-minute *Living Toys* opened the program, is enjoying a phenomenal success as pianist, conductor and now composer. He has been anointed by no less than the former New Yorker music critic Andrew Porter ("Everything I've heard of his... has provoked something like awe"), and orchestras and festivals are apparently clamoring for music by Ades. As someone called Composer in Association with the Halle orchestra, he works closely with its music director, Kent Nagano, who presented a concert premiere of Ades' opera *Powder Her Face* last April with the Berkeley Symphony.

Living Toys is extravagantly programmatic, a kind of child's spin on the adventures of heroes—foolish and otherwise—to be found in such music as Bernstein's *Candide*. Strauss's *Ein*

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Central Works presents theater as culinary art, and then some

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lowing the British-based "Joint Stock Theatre Group" process used by Caryl Churchill and Mark Wing-Davey), it was eventually up to writer Samantha King, working closely with the company's dramaturg, Melissa Hillman, and director Graves, to come up with the script.

Far from being a work-in-progress, *Roux* proves itself to be a modern version of a Gothic horror story, generously filled with humor and mystery but also rich in character development. It is a perfect vehicle for its actors. Deb Fink as the 21-year-old jambalaya champ Coby Dawson, and Jan Zvaifler as the sophisticated and older city-dweller, Lyda Abbott.

When the lights go up (at the Berkeley City Club there is no curtain), Coby is seen dashing frantically into the kitchen. Certain that something frightening has happened, we are kept in suspense until the very end of the play when we finally learn what took place. Thanks to King's skill in weaving



Jan Zvaifler as Lyda, left, and Deborah Fink as Coby in 'Roux.'

her tale, we become as enmeshed by the threads of the story as the characters, who are gradually drawn toward the fateful denouement.

Coby longs to escape from her bayou isolation, but only after winning the jambalaya contest. Lyda, a food critic for American

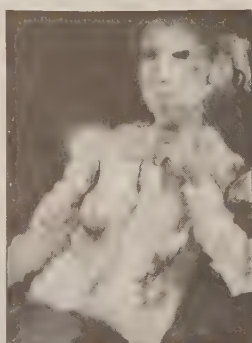
Chef magazine, has returned to her former hometown to cover the contest. She is particularly interested in interviewing Miz Min, who advertises her classic "Miz Min's Jumpin' Jambalaya" through flyers. Arriving at Coby's

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East Bay Events

Free artists featured at Fig Tree

The Fig Tree Gallery at 2599 North St., No. 42, will feature artwork by three Bay Area artists from Aug. 30 through Sept. 21. Opening reception will be Sept. 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. Featured artists include: Lisa Kent, a figurative painter trained with abstracted shape and still life imagery; Nell Haskell, whose landscapes are influenced by the Blue Mountains; and Anne Adams, who is showing drawings and paintings of a group of radically altered trees near her home.



Nell Haskell's 'Seated Woman.'

Good Karma Festival happens this week

The annual Good Karma Festival will kick off at Berkeley Community Theater Aug. 30 with six renowned Indian and Pakistani performing artists, including Rahat Fateh Ali Khan, Ustad Badar Ali Khan, L. Subramaniam, Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Krishna Das and others. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Ballet company appoints co-director

The Berkeley Ballet Theater has appointed Ann Fisher as co-director of its children's program. Fisher's aim is to create a

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First-time filmmakers slice America in half

By Tiller Russell

Slice America in half and you find equal parts Christian Coalition and Public Enemy. At least, that's what first-time filmmakers Shainee Gabel and Kristin Hahn discovered in *Anthem*, their documentary dissection of the land of liberty, which hits East Bay theaters tomorrow.

Juxtaposing Ralph Reed and Chuck D in the first half hour of a movie is as risky as it is brazen.

What could they possibly have in common? And, more importantly, how can the rest of the film live up to such a comparison?

The answer to the first question is a resounding NOTHING. But if the poles in this country are icily opposed, *Anthem* goes on to say, the expanse between them is remarkably homogenous. Which answers the second question: by finding the points of contact in the tapestry of diversity.

The blueprint for this film is



Filmmakers Kristin Hahn, left, and Shainee Gabel interview George Stephanopoulos.

simple as its subject is varied: Take two plucky 26-year-old women, arm them with a couple of video cameras and a long list of interviewees and send them out the road to take the pulse of America in the 90's.

If the terrain sounds familiar, it is. Steinbeck, Kerouac and Henry Miller have all blazed this trail before. But, they weren't women and they didn't make movies.

And if asking the same questions to Hunter S. Thompson and Geraldine Ferraro seems naïve, well, it is. But the shortcomings of *Anthem* are as interesting as its successes. By making themselves characters in the movie, the filmmakers escape the PBS pitfall of the talking-heads-on-wheels documentary.

The women's screen-presence gives *Anthem* its rhythm and punc-

tuation; it makes a crazy quilt out of a pile of loose cloth. More than that, it gives the audience a taste of what it was like to take a year long road trip in front of a video camera.

'We knew that we would never be able to intertwine this many different stories without a common thread.'

— FILMMAKER KRISTIN HAHN

As Hahn explained in a recent interview with the Voice, "we knew that we would never be able to intertwine this many different stories without a common thread. And shortly after we began filming, it was obvious that we were that thread."

And the move works to marvelous effect. When the two women tumble into their first interview with Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos their lack of professionalism is both charming and

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Drums

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ent and enthusiasm for drumming.

The dictation session continues for some time, becoming more creative and spontaneous with each round. After working with piccolo player Imani Butler, a tall, graceful 15-year-old whose improves become bolder as the dictation session proceeds, Cespedes turns to Valentina Velez-Rocha on piano.

Then he asks, "I have a question. Could we do dictation with the drum?" He first asks Samora to solo. Seconds later, when it's clear that the boy didn't understand his question, he turns to Colin. Thrown off track by the counterhythms of the drum, the pianist gets a bit out-of-sync.

"During the percussionist's solo is the time when the most pressure is put on the piano. That's when the pianist is most likely to get pulled out of the rhythm." The next attempt is more successful.

Besides the skill-based work on instruments, Cespedes also gave a substantial amount of theory, talking at first about chord-building and moving beyond to the cycle of fifths. For homework he asked everyone to write out the notes in a G-major scale. The three

pianists, the oldest and most experienced members of the group, were given an extra assignment: to write out the chord notes for major and minor scales and to notate the cycle of fifths.

Despite a healthy amount of individual work and soloing, the primary emphasis in this workshop was on ensemble playing. The unifying power of music was clearly able to embrace a diverse group of strangers and create a peaceful, cooperative and creative environment. Everyone had a role to play, each was as important as the other, and only through mutual collaboration could a harmonious outcome be produced. One's suspicion that ensemble music should be a key component of our educational system looms again like a spectre.

On-going classes in South American Music, Afro-Cuban Rhythms, singing, guitar and cuatro are available at La Peña for free or a nominal fee. Funded by the California Arts Council, these workshops are open to the public. Beginning in October John Santos and the Machete Ensemble will be giving a series of lecture-demonstrations and concerts entitled *The Anatomy of Latin Jazz*. Call 849-2568 for information regarding classes, lectures and upcoming performances.

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Heldenleben and others. Via the program notes, we learn that Ades is presenting a child whose dreams include fighting with angels, bulls and soldiers, eventually experiencing a hero's death in outer space and being given a proper hero's burial. Well!

The music for *Living Toys* is not exactly inscrutable, but in listening to its talking bugles, gaga horns, huge drum rolls followed by huge drum rolls, snatches of tunes, gooey strings, descending chromatics, stark unisons and watching the occasional requirement to clap hands in a specific rhythm — the conductor included — a child-hero's dream adventures were not exactly brought to life.

Not having heard *Powder Your Face*, this was my only Ades experience to date, and the jury is still out, although I will keep my mind open. Instead of being dreamy, I would call *Living Toys* disorganized and messy. A mother of the child-hero in question would want the room cleaned up in a hurry.

Not that it matters all that much, but *Living Toys* elicited the first "boo" that I can remember from an always-generous and patient Berkeley Symphony audience.

Mozart, whose tiny three-part *Butter Brot* was given a deft gloss by pianist Shunsuke Kurakata, had all the i's dotted and the t's crossed in *A Musical Joke*, which, after 210 years, is still a distinct pleasure, especially with the exact and elegantly funny performance elicited by Nagano.

The *Divertimento*'s four movements slay the dragon of bloated musical ambition repeatedly — and with what dry and subtle taste. The music is a wandering orgy of empty noodling, excessive harmonic and rhythmic digressions, misplaced accents, repeated notes, irrelevant obligatos, verbose outbursts, sneering comments and a long trail of unrelated themes progressing with no logical order.

The turgid minuet was repeatedly lightened by the entrance of horns resolutely playing in the wrong key, and the good concertmaster Joe Edelberg had the time of his life playing the nuttiest of self-important cadenzas in the adagio. The goofiness reached a zenith in the presto, a kaleidoscope of dissimilar tunes that ended in a discordant heap.

If the humor is still fresh in *A Musical Joke*, it's probably because Mozart not only knew his subject but its limitations as well.

Humor also informs Falla's *Master, Peter's Puppet Show*, an opera

for three voices, with tenor Ross Halper as Master Peter, mezzo-soprano Shawn Marie Williams as a narrator called El Trujaman and baritone Roy Stevens as Don Quixote.

The opera, which dates back to the early 1920s, dramatizes an episode from Cervantes' tale of the serio-comic knight in which Quixote descends on a traveling puppet show presenting the story of the Princess Melisendra, imprisoned by Moors and married to a noble more interested in playing chess than rescuing her.

The puppet show, which the Berkeley audience could only imagine from the orchestra's keen handling of the spare neo-classical score enriched with Spanish embroidery, is repeatedly interrupted by Quixote, who eventually destroys the puppets and sinks into a reverie of the fair Dulcinea and ideals of chivalry.

At the outset, the action of the puppet show was declaimed in fast recitative and with

admirable clarity by Williams, who gave the lines the importance of a herald making a kingly proclamation. With a clear tenor that swiftly imagines the "funny guy," Halper gave an apt picture of a theater manager trying without success to keep order. Stevens' baritone had a woolly focus that seemed just right in its intention to characterize the bombast and swagger of the off-kilter knight errant Quixote.

Saturday's opener was the first of four concerts in the 1997-78 season, all to be conducted by Nagano. Others, on Jan. 3, Feb. 17 and May 14, will culminate in the last program with the U.S. premiere of the original three-movement version of Mahler's *Das klagende Lied*.

New York Times Puzzle

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Roux

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where she expects to find Miz Min, an old acquaintance from her past, she falls to the floor in a faint upon hearing that Miz Min has been dead for several years.

The remainder of the play unravels the secrets of Coby's culinary wizardry, the real reason for Lydia's visit, and the intricate connection between the two women. (Readers will have to attend the play to get the answers for themselves). In the process we learn such secrets as how to kill a drunken pig (Coby's advice to the disgusted Lydia, "I know what you're thinking, Babe and Wilbur. . . Do not get to know your pig!"), perfecting your recipe with properly prepared roux (a cooked mixture of butter or other fats used to thicken sauces), and what could cause a peace-loving woman to kill a man.

Kudos to all concerned with this production. They have brought balance to a grizzly tale that could easily have erred on the

side of melodrama. Instead, it carefully juggles contemporary issues with folk humor, intense family relationships with individual personalities. The actors deserve special acknowledgement for being able to handle the many facets of their complex characters with ease and compassion.

Director Graves has made each moment count, building his characters and story like so many pieces of a puzzle coming together. Most of all, however, one has Samantha King to thank for bringing to life such vivid and meaningful characters and telling a relevant story in such a haunting and, at the same time, entertaining way.

Roux will be performed week-ends through Sept. 14. Performance times are Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$12 general, \$10 for seniors, students and TBA members. The Berkeley City Club is located at 2315 Durant Avenue. For reservations call 558-1381.

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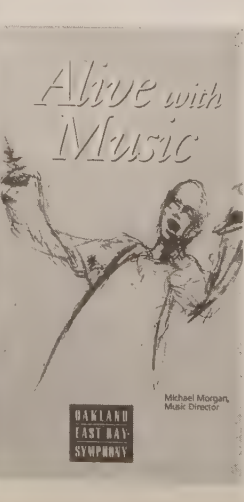
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Anthem

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hilarious. As Hahn trips over a coffee table with the camera still rolling, Gabel giggles, "Watch out for the White House furniture."

But the most engaging aspect of the movie is the way it breaks down the barriers of fame. Along with catching celebrities like Robert Redford and John Waters at rest, Hahn and Gabel let their cameras linger on ordinary folks. And it is these people, a waitress in Iowa and a gas station attendant in Pennsylvania, who steal the show.

To everyone's surprise, the American Dream is alive and kicking. As author and radio show host Studs Terkel puts it, "What choice do I have but to be optimistic. If I wasn't, I would just put my head in an oven."

As subject after subject echoes a mixture of apprehension and assurance about America's past, present and future, a chorus of voices, singing the same song, emerges from the babble.

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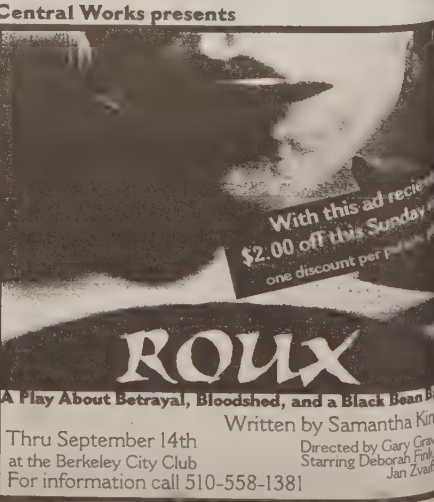
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Ongoing

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Fifty-Plus Fitness Association: 8:45 a.m.; second Sunday of each month; three mile walk/run, wear good running or walking shoes, all levels of ability are welcome, coffee meeting at a nearby restaurant afterward; Tilden Park, Inspiration Point; 530-2790.

Volunteers needed: Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1515.

Seeking Volunteers: Help East Bay children who face loss and serious illness within their families. PediatricCare volunteers make home visits and facilitate support groups for children and their families who are coping with these challenges; 32 hour training begins Sept. 6; 208-3535.

Friends of Marija Foundation: asking to help bring a documentary film about the life and work of the late archaeologist Marija Gimbutas, one of the most influential and controversial women of this century; Reclaiming "Friends of Marija Project" P.O. Box 410187, San Francisco, 94141-0187.

Song Contest: Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 94706; Deadline Oct. 15.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Car program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center: Aug. 28; 11 a.m.; Health: Jan Stecher leads in Rosen Movement techniques. Great Books: Discussion of E. M. Forster's A Room With a View, Eleanor Wharton asks that the reading be done before class.

Call for the regular weekly schedule, Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

North Berkeley Senior Center: Aug. 28; 1 p.m.; video movie, "Roommates"

Aug. 29; 1 p.m.; Operetta, "New

Moon"; 2 p.m.; Tai Chi with Brian Umeki Sept. 2; 1 p.m.; Beginning Drawing with Anne Lourie (every Tuesday)

Call for support groups and special services.

1901 Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 644-6107.

Exhibits

Sept. 5 New Pieces: quilts by Jim Silas Smoot II of Chicago, Kyr Hicks of Kansas City, and Sherry Whetstone-McCall of Kansas City; through Sept. 30; 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-6779.

Ongoing

My Sister, My Sister: throughout September; artists' reception Sept. 19; photos by Meredith Stout, poetry by Zelda Brown; Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany; 524-0291.

Rhythm & Form: through Sept. 19; Visual Reflections on Arabic Poetry presented by the Cultural and Visual Resource Division of the International Council for Women in the Arts; the UC Departments of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, the Department of Art Practice and the Department of Anthropology; Worth Ryder Gallery, 116 Kroeber Hall, UC-Berkeley.

Watercolor California: through Sept. 1; more than 200 paintings by 12 artists, including El Cerrito artist Charlotte Britton; Jack London Village, Alice and Embarcadero, Oakland; 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily.

Folding Screens: Jim Grant, Madeleine Niet, Jennifer Ewing, Otto Rojas and others working in wood, metal, canvas and rubber; many people live in shared spaces. An elegant room screen by an artist may be an economical and dramatic solution; 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday - Sunday through Sept. 21; artist's reception Aug. 24, 5 - 8 p.m.; Viva! Gallery, 1440 University Ave., Berkeley; 548-3791.

Baua Devi: through Oct. 26; a debut exhibition by the Indian artist of paintings on paper and a selection of other works by other artists from the Mithila region of northeastern India; part of the MATRIX program; Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Berkeley Camera Club: members

exhibit their black and white color prints in the Berkeley Store Gallery through Aug. 29; Wednesday through Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Corner of Bancroft and Shattuck; 521-7985 or 444-7959.

Growing up Asian in America: contest winners are on display at Berkeley Public Library's South Branch through Aug. 31, the work on exhibit was chosen from 1,900 entries submitted by youths from nine Bay Area counties; 1901 Russell Street, Berkeley.

Photography: through Sept. 12; Kira Chuchom, Liz Corden, Marinnel Daniel, Shelly Erceg, Bill gimbel, Kent Hasel, Beth Kientzle, Jan Potts, George Protos, Robert Schwein, Abby Zimmer.

"I Never Met a Color I Didn't Like": through Sept. 2; an exhibit of quilts by Freddy Moran; New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley, 94707.

Art Huang: through Aug. 31; an exhibit of recent paintings; The University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way at Bowditch, Berkeley; (415) 431-3925.

Sticks Fine Art Gallery: Carol Aust paintings and Liz Maxwell paintings and etchings; through Sept. 10; artist reception Aug. 15; 1579B Solano Ave., Berkeley; 526-6603.

Jews, Germany, Memory: Photographs by Edward Serotta, 1988 - 96; the Berlin-based photojournalist's thought-provoking photos and text probe the future of Jewish life in contemporary unified Germany; through Oct. 12; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Lectures and Workshops

Aug. 31

Spiritual Growth: 6 p.m.; "Knowledge that Clears the Mind and Opens the Heart" with meditation teacher June Rosenberg; how to develop an incisive knowledge that brings clarity to the mind at the same time that it opens the heart to deeper feeling; Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley; 843-6812.

Upcoming

Business Tools for the Twenty-First Century: registration by Sept. 2; a mini-conference presented by the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce; a short, practical introduction to tools and concepts every business person needs to know in today's — and tomorrow's — business climate; H's Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley Marina; 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; \$75 (if registered by Sept. 2) \$85 thereafter.

Ongoing

Turning Point Career Center: Sept. 2; 1:30 p.m.; free job hunter's orientation Sept. 4; 4 - 5 p.m.; drop-in support groups for job seekers and career changers; \$10 University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 848-6375

Literary Events

Black Oak Books: Aug. 28; 7:30 p.m.; Opal Palmer Adisa, *It Begins With Tears* 1491 Shattuck Avenue at Vine, Berkeley; 486-0698

Gaia Bookstore and Community Center: Aug. 28; 7:30 p.m.; Erika Lopez, *Flaming Iguanas: An Illustrated All Girl Road Novel Thing*

1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA; all events \$3.

La Peña Cultural Center: Open Mic Poetry in the cafe has new summer hours, Wednesdays beginning at 8 p.m. except for Nina and Diana's workshops every third Wednesday.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568.

Meetings

Ongoing: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics; 7:30 p.m.; meet each first and third Thurs-

day of the month; The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics seek to affirm and to integrate sexuality and spirituality in the Christian faith through the Catholic tradition; Newman Hall, 2700 Dwight Way at College Avenue, Berkeley; Wendy, 849-3910 or Antonio at 841-7718.

Greater San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., second Saturday of each month; offering help, information and support to families and/or caregivers of a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease through their support group program.

Toastmasters on Campus: 6:15 p.m.; practice public speaking in a supportive environment; every Tuesday; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; Odette Larde, 643-7645 (w) or Al Mangarin 970-4355 (w).

East Bay Genealogical Society: 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month; every meeting is preceded by an hour (9 a.m. - 10 a.m.) of casual "drop in" meeting for members and guests who are encouraged to bring problems to the forum for help and possible solutions; Latter Day Saints Institute Center, 4798 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, Room 30; 635-6692.

TOPS: 7:15 - 8:30; Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening; First Baptist Church, Richmond, Solano below Arlington; Betty Coates, 235-0490 for more information.

TOPS: 9:30 a.m. or more; 10:30 a.m. meeting; Albany Chapter, meets Monday mornings; 980 Stannage Ave., Albany; 528-9056 (Paul)

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.; public speaking skills and metaphysics come together; ongoing meetings first and third Thursdays; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; 848-6510.

Music

Aug. 29

Pablo Milane's and his Group: 8 p.m.; Pablo Milane's, interpreter of the Cuban "Nueva Trova" song movement; direct from Cuba, Milane's has performed once before in the Bay Area, at Davies Symphony Hall in 1987; presented by La Peña Cultural Center, at Zellerbach Hall, UC-Berkeley; 849-9397; tickets available at Zellerbach Hall, La Tienda at La Pena, and all BASS Ticket Outlets.

Aug. 31

Berkeley Art Center: 7:30 p.m.; a special concert featuring the works of Robert Helphs, contemporary composer, pianist and educator; performing artist TBA; 1275 Walnut Street between Rose and Eunice Streets in Live Oak Park; 644-6893; \$10.

Ashkenaz

Aug. 29; 9:30 p.m.; Jungular Grooves, Calypso, Reggae, Funk; Amanda Poets, South African; \$8 - \$12

Aug. 30; 9:30 p.m.; Calabash & Inersha, Festive Caribbean; \$7 - \$10

1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 525-5054

Blake's

Aug. 28; 9:30 p.m.; Jazz Funk Connection with Groove Junkies; \$4

Aug. 29; 9:30 p.m.; Propeller, with Segue Rock; \$5

Aug. 30; 9:30 p.m.; Los Angelitos with The Vibrators; Latin Funk/Soul/R&B; \$5

Aug. 31; 10 p.m.; Sunday Band Showcase Labor Day Party; \$2

Sept. 1; 9:30 p.m.; Steve Gannon and the Monday Blues Jam; \$3

Sept. 2; 9:30 p.m.; The Dead Experiment; \$3

Sept. 3; 9:30 p.m.; Atomic Wednesdays; \$3

Sept. 4; 9:30 p.m.; The JFK with The Groove Junkies; \$3

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Speaking of institutions, East Bay Habitat for Humanity, which locally is trying to build an institution out there on 104th Street with its volunteer/owner-built homes, will be having a wine tasting and silent auction Sept. 12 at the Berkeley City Club. Alice Waters is the honorary chairperson for the event at which wines from Clos Pegase, Gloria Ferrer, Duckhorn, Mazzocco, Navarro, Dom. Chandon, Flora Springs, Chat. Montelena, Green & Red, and Stony Hill will be poured. Those are heavy-hitters, and it'll set you back only \$15. Call 251-6304 for tix ...

Listen to this lineup of chefs for a dinner at Brava Terrace in St. Helena Sept. 14 to raise funds for the James Beard Foundation in New York: Fred Halpert (Brava Terrace), Julian Serrano (Masa's), Mark Franz (Farallon), Gerhard Michler (Creative International Pastries, S.F.), Sylvain Portay (Ritz Carlton, S.F.), and Alan Wong (Alan Wong's, Honolulu), will each create a course to compliment a Napa Valley wine. Tix are \$125 for Beard members, and \$150 for guests. Call 707-963-9300 for more info ...

More news about Gourmet Expectations at the Berkeley City Club Sept. 28 to support home care and hospice for terminally ill patients served by the Visiting Nurse Assoc. and Hospice of Northern California: There'll be almost 25 local restaurants and caterers and almost a dozen wineries pouring. Tickets are \$75. Call 450-8795 for more info ...

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Bay Bank of Commerce is seeking a loan documentation specialist with 1-2 years experience in loan processing and documentation of commercial loans and real estate loans. Should know Laser-Pro and have strong computer skills. For further information contact Nancy Bowers at (510) 357-2265.

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BOOKKEEPER 6 hours/week, work in 3 person office, Quickbooks on Macintosh experience. Fax cover letter, resume and salary requirements to: 352-9132

BOOKKEEPER, full-time, full charge. Strong accounting, (A/P, A/R, General Ledger) skills a must. Heavy computer, Excel, word processing, a challenging position for the person looking for one. Located near Oakland airport. Medical/Dental Salary based on experience/skills. PK Safety Supply, 510-635-0300, fax 510-635-4086

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BOOKKEEPER/secretarial, permanent position for someone living in/ near Berkeley, 10-3, Monday-Friday, full-time during tax season. Some understanding of double entry bookkeeping, and bookkeeping experience required. Good English skills, wages negotiable 849-0360, Herb.

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BUSPERSON with experience for 3 nights/week, call Larry, Bay Wolf, between 10-4 at 655-6004 or fax resume 652-0429

CAKE Decorator, part-time, weekends. Experienced only. Apply at Merritt Bakery, 203 E. 18th St., Oakland.

CARPENTER-APPRENTICE
Must have had some experience in construction or remodeling. Work with local residential remodeling contractor, own transportation a must, references 339-3655

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CLEANING person/ snack server, pre-school/Alameda. English speaking required, full-time, \$6.50 hour, must drive. 766-5437.

CONSTRUCTION/ CARPENTER
Must be experienced in all phases of home remodeling. Work for local contractor specializing in kitchen and baths. Immediate start, references, own tools and transportation. 339-3655.

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HILL'S has immediate openings for full-time sales representatives. Experience in sales preferred. General office and home visits. Plus fun, friendly, fast-paced environment. Must be available weekdays. Compensation commensurate with experience. Fax resume to: 549-6458 or apply in person: 2150 University Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704.

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OVERQUALIFIED? YOU'RE THE ONE! Front desk, active phone bank, very active real estate office. Computer. General office. Knowledge of the net, communication essential. Beautiful workplace, indoors and out. Working for 15 highly motivated agents who all need everything at once. Compensation based on qualifications. FAX resume: JOB SEARCH 510-652-0114, Templeton Company, 3070 Claremont Ave., Berkeley, 94705.

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PART-TIME Work weekdays and/or weekends, flexible scheduling. If you like kids, the outdoors, and a miniature fantasy world, Children's Fairyland wants to talk to you. Mature people are encouraged to apply. Call 452-2259 or fax resume to: 452-2261.

PAYROLL PR ACCOUNT MANAGER, with strong payroll, account management, and/or accounting related experience to provide customer service and install new products to client base. Resume: Data Plus, 2200 Powell St., #350, Berkeley, CA 94608; Fax: 510-420-2078.

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PICTURE frame, full-time. Experience preferred. Benefits. Berkeley, 849-4444.

PINE Mountain, a Piedmont manufacturing company has requirements for an A/R, A/P and Payroll Specialist, experienced in account reconciliations, cash applications, collections payroll and A/P processing. Must have 2 years experience with MAS90, Lotus, Excel and MS Word required. Knowledge of computerized systems and customer service necessary. Wage: \$10.65-11.55/hour or mail to 1375 Grand Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94610 for immediate consideration.

PRODUCTION Picture Mounting Company needs general shop help. \$7/hour to start. Plus medical, dental and vacation pay. Detail oriented, power tool experience. High school diploma or equivalent. Call 549-9000.

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Resourceful, reliable freelance reporters to cover hard news stories. Features are an occasional option. Regular hours a possibility for the right person. DMV letter and drive ASP to Berkeley Voice, 2936 Domingo, Berkeley 94705. No calls please. (510) 834-1045.

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RETAIL floor and counter sales. Hardware and Lumber sales experience required. Mail resume to: 2211 Medea Pl., Montclair.

RETAIL McCollough's Montclair has the following openings: • Full-time marking and receiving women's clothing. Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30-6. • Full-time Shoes, Monday, 10-6, Tuesday, 12-6, Saturday, 10:30-6, Sunday, 11-5. • Part-time Men's, Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-6, Friday 10-6, Sunday 11-5. Free parking, employee discount. Apply in person at 6211 Medea Pl., Montclair.

RETAIL Sales. Fine Berkeley Jewelry Store accepting applications for full-time employment. Experience required. Mail resume to: M. Lowe and Company, P.O. Box 9633, Berkeley, CA 94709-0633. No Phone Calls please.

RETAIL Sales. The Stained Glass Garden is accepting applications for part-time employment. Weekend availability a must. Experience required. Knowledge of glass a plus. Apply in person at 1800 Fourth Street, Berkeley, Call 841-2200.

RETAIL Assistant. Marine lender has full-time position for personable, bright, detail-oriented individual who is self-motivated. Request excellent in typing, numerical, and organizational skills. Active, energetic, and pleasant environment. Offers of boats desirable. Please send resume to: Essex Credit Corporation, 2415 Elgin Ave., Alameda, CA 94501, or fax 510-865-3667. NO CALLS PLEASE.

RETAIL Assistant. Full-time temporary. Property insurance company, phones and light clerical. Located on Solano Ave., Berkeley, Fax 549-6282 or call Linda at 528-0680.

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Full-time position at small real estate newspaper. Pleasant Courthouse area, near Lake Merritt. Duties include: light typing and reception, proofreading, light editing and reception. Computer knowledge helpful. Must be able to type and have command of English. Entry-level salary plus benefits. Fax resume to: 510-527-3387, ext. 134.

OFFICE Assistant. Full-time. Experience, weekday hours. Please call, leave message 527-2331.

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401 Help Wanted

SALES: Berkeley Repertory Theater currently seeking dynamic individuals for fun, lucrative, subscription drive. Part-time evenings available, commission plus hourly, cash bonuses and complimentary tickets. Play a part in Tony winning theater's coming season. Call 204-8601 ext. 400.

SALES/ window coverings, friendly, experienced, part-time/full-time. Call Hans 686-2734.

SECRETARY, for nonprofit health agency. Must be able to record, message, minutes, answer phones, and handle other office duties. Computer skill required. Knowledge of WordPerfect preferred. Good organizational and communication skills a must. Full-time, (35 hr/week), \$22,000/year, plus benefits. Send resume to: ALA, 424 Piedmont Way, Oakland, 94612.

SECRETARY wanted for congenial, full attorney Oakland (Lake Merritt) law firm. Legal secretary experience not necessary, but bookkeeping and computer network skills a plus. Send or fax resume: James E. Henry, Attorney, Hon. S. Roberts, 1901 Harrison Street, #1500, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 452-2280. No phone calls, please!

SHIPPING-RECEIVING, Forklift, Chemical Compounding - Training, \$14 - \$16 Hour. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland, 863-9612.

TEACHER, Preschool, part-time. Experienced, 12 EE units required. Please send resume to: 1411 Fourth Street, Berkeley 94710; leave message 510-527-2331.

TEACHER/ teacher assistant for quality school age program in Orinda. Great working conditions, fun, energetic, enthusiastic and experienced required. Send resume: 510-446-7804 or call 510-446-7800. Temp Positions.

TEMP-TO-HIRE positions available for experienced professionals in the GENERAL OFFICE, RECEPTION, LEGAL SECRETARY and ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT fields. Resumes: 510-446-7804 or call 510-446-7800. Temp Positions.

TWO Positions, after school teacher, plus aide. EOE units required. Kensington, 236-5901.

VENDING route service person, good work ethic and people skills, clean driving record with experience in vans. Berkeley, knowledge of East Bay a plus. Call PVS Vending at 510-352-3515.

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If you truly care for animals and are looking for a fulfilling, rewarding career, this may be your answer. We have a full-time front desk position open at our top quality veterinary hospital. This is a 5 day week, very busy hospital and requires someone with the following abilities: computer skills, multi-tasking, dealing with challenging people, and stamina. Benefits include competitive salary, medical/dental, 401K. Send resume to VCA Veterinary Center, 1550 Solano Ave., Albany, CA 94707. Attention: Mary

VOLLEYBALL COACHES

Coaches needed for Piedmont Middle School 6th, 7th and 8th grade competitive volleyball teams. For licensed coaches, please send resume to: 510-446-7804 or call 510-446-7800. Early September. Knowledge of skills and lots of enthusiasm required. Contact Buzz Redford, Piedmont Recreation 510-420-3074.

WAREHOUSE, permanent shipping/receiving in Oakland. Lift up to 50 lbs, English speaking. Don 632-0678.

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405 Employment Exchange

PEDMONT in-law, available in exchange for babysitting 12 year old boy. References required. 415-241-7414.

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627.

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment in housecleaning, gardening, child care, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 864-9011.

MY home office. I can provide administrative leadership, word processing, accounting, finance (personal finance). 569-8169.

COOK PLUS. Delicious, healthy cuisine prepared in your home. Shop, errands. Excellent local references. 848-1223.

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

CAREGIVER- Experienced in care for elderly. Live-in, 3 to 5 days. References 531-7513.

CHILD-CARE and housework, weekdays, 3-6 p.m. and occasional weekends. References and car. 654-9965.

409 Childcare Wanted

CAREGIVER needed, toddler plus occasional pre-schooler, 15 hours/week, upper Rockridge. English and references. 604-7023.

ENTHUSIASTIC babysitter, 3 boys 6-8. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 3-6. CDL, fluent English. 869-4534.

EXPERIENCED babysitter for 2 1/2 year old girl, Berkeley home, Tuesday and Thursday 2-6:30. Need CDL, own car, references, 645-5364.

MONDAY through Friday, 3-6 p.m., 2 children, 9 and 13. Require car, good English, help with homework, references. 722-9262.

FAMILY Helper/ Nanny needed for upper Rockridge/ Oakland family. 25-30 hours per week. 7:30-9:30 a.m. and 2:30-6:30 p.m. Care for 2 children (11 year old boy/ 7 year old girl) before and after school. Organize their activities, light housework, 3 weeks paid vacation during family school vacation. Must have reliable car, insurance, references. English speaking. Non-smoking. Please call Steve, 595-9036.

CARE needed for 2 girls (5, 7) on 2 afternoons weekly (8 hours/week). Driving, homework, Claremont area. 653-1435.

AFTER school children provider for 2 school age children in Montclair, Monday-Friday, 2-6. For more information call 339-2412 days or 338-6771 evenings.

CHILD-CARE for Piedmont 9 year old boy. Monday-Friday, 3-7 p.m. Car required. 415-655-2986.

LOVING Childcare, part-time, 4 and 7 year old. Monday & 12, Tuesday/ Thursday 3-5:30, occasional Wednesday. Ridgmont. References. English speaking, car. 635-8811.

FOR Ages 1 & 3/4, El Cerrito, caring, reliable, trustworthy, non-smoking. Experience needed. \$8/ hour. 10-20 hours per week. Call Marilyn 415-217-2668.

409 Childcare Wanted

CHILD-CARE/ light housekeeping in lovely Crocker Highlands neighborhood, 35 hours/week. Need experience, CDL, insurance, car, fluent English. 834-3930.

BABYSITTER 3 afternoons per week with wonderful 2 1/2 year old boy, North Berkeley. Fluent English with excellent driving. Start August 30. More afternoons possible with other similar family. 524-3247.

TWO Children, 8 and 10. Tuesday/ Thursday/ Friday, 9-15 hours/week. Start September 9 Drive to school, lessons, home Joaquin Miller. Evenings 530-5412.

LOVING energetic child after light housekeeping, Crocker Highlands area. Need own car for errands, school pick-up and driving to activities. Two wonderful girls, 8 and 9. 10 hours minimum, 2-7:00 Tuesday/ Thursday. 452-3203.

CHILD-CARE for 2 year old, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon in Moraga. 377-0808.

AFTER School child-care/ driver. Crocker Highlands for boy 15, girl 12. Monday/ Friday, 3-6:30 p.m. Light housework, CDL. Call 466-0353.

NANNIES NEEDED

Full-time, part-time. \$8- \$12/ hour. References, experienced, car required. No fee. 933-2273. Be In Our Care Nanny Agency.

410 Shared Childcare

SWEET, 19 month old seeking playmate to share our home, responsible nanny in Rockridge. 30+ hours/week. Call 658-8111.

SHARE daycare in Piedmont Pines. Our daughter, 4 1/2, learning to read, is a computer, computer from excellent, experienced French/ English teacher. 531-3174.

SHARE amazing Nanny 2 full days/ week with 22 month girl, Redwood Heights vicinity. 530-2968.

SHARE our loving, nurturing, English speaking nanny with our 1 year old CPR, first aid, own car, Montclair. Call Beth or Dixon 339-7443.

411 Childcare - Licensed

CREATIVE DAYCARE for ages 0-5. Gardening, arts, crafts, play time, nature walks, much more. Bilingual German/ English. #013411987. 531-6137.

QUALITY Family Care. 15 years license, experience. Part/ full-time. Infants and toddlers. License #070210327. 531-5758.

MABI'S Garden. Quality Child Care. Cozy home. Preschool activities. Lots of love. Bilingual. #010215793. 530-8353.

FAMILY day care, Kensington, big house, lots of toys, loving environment. License #070400315. 828-1880.

LOVING home, art, outings, meals, activities, school pickup, 1 1/2-4 years. Credit/checked teacher. #013411210. 923-0450.

INFANT- only care. Very experienced with newborns. Breast feeding/ pumping support. Low ratio, clean, full/ part-time, occasional for moms needing a break. Kim 523-6745. #013412297.

412 Babysitting Offered

EXPERIENCED Babysitter available full-time, starting September. English speaking, own car, CPR training. Excellent references. 482-2243.

OUR 16 month old seeks a playmate! Full or part-time. El Cerrito. Excellent references. 528-3642.

OUR loving, nurturing babysitter of 2 years is available. Great with infants and toddlers. Live to help with the house. Reliable, never sick and has own car. Limited English but excellent comprehension and great sense of humor. Oakland. Call Kathy, day 225-3119, evenings 547-2805.

OUR terrific English speaking sister is available, Tuesdays and Thursdays in Oakland. Call Diana 451-5523/ Nancy 482-5428.

413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Help Wanted (#408) and Caregiver/Domestic Help Wanted (#408).

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\$550 ONE bedroom, remote controlled parking space, 700 sq. ft. 839-3287.

\$550 PLUS deposit. 1 bedroom garden apartment. Very private, near Mills, Merritt, Holy Names. 510-654-6727.

\$560 CONVERTED older home, hardwood floors, quiet street, large rooms. Near Lake. CPS/SELECT. 339-1642.

\$580 ONE bedroom hill top apartments, Lake Merritt area. Professional management. Garage parking available. 834-9471.

\$585 LAKE LOCATION/CITY VIEW
Sunny Adams Point apartment. Beautiful hardwood floors, gas cooking, tile bath, laundry. Controlled access. Cat okay. 189 Vernon Terrace. 704-8075.

\$585 ADAMS POINT, Near Lake Merritt. Quiet, convenient, spacious. No Pets. 935-8063, 465-0391.

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306 Lee St. 1 bedroom. Large front room. Quiet building around planted courtyard. Two blocks to shopping and transportation. Elevator, laundry and garage. For appointment, call Ann 510-634-6636

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\$605 COZY ground level, wall-to-wall carpet, modern appliances, clean, quiet building, nice street, near Lake/Downtown. Available September 5. 419-0374

\$605 ELMBWOOD border. Upper unit, laundry, carpets, near transportation/shops. Alcazar/Cole. #17865-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$625 1 BEDROOM unfurnished, spacious, secure, sunny, convenient location, near BART/shopping. Leave message, 658-4152.

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\$635 ONE Bedroom. Adams Point. Large, quiet, dishwasher, fireplace and garage. 763-7378.

\$645 FOURPLEX, extra large rooms, hardwood floors, quiet street, yard. CPS/SELECT. 339-1642.

\$650 SINGLE, China Hill Tri-plex. Large front room and Dining Room. Stove, refrigerator, front load. 632-6233.

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\$675 ONE Bedroom duplex, Piedmont Ave. area, Terrace Street. Very clean, washer/dryer, rug, tile. \$675 plus deposit. 254-9754

\$675 QUIET condo, new carpet, paint, top floor, partial S.F. view, 198 Montclair. WMC 893-9380.

\$700 1 BEDROOM, 1 bath. Great location, near Piedmont, 1351 Somerset, off Estes Drive, 8 units. Garage. Call Michelle, 556-3721.

\$725 CHARMING Crocker Highlands 1 bedroom, deck, large yard. Walk to Lakeshore. 658-8006, 465-7500.

\$725 LARGE 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors, lots of natural light, lots of charm. Parking available. 465-7500.

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\$800 LARGE 1 bedroom Walk-to-wall carpet, fireplace, walk-in closet, storage, balcony, laundry facilities. 465-7500

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\$650 LAUREL district, in quiet 8 unit building. Freshly painted, carpet and blinds, laundry, parking. McArthur Blvd near Maple. 464-4621.

\$650 TOWNHOUSE, new carpet 2049 for Austin, Fruitville Drive by. Call number on sign for information

\$675 LARGE 2 bedroom includes heat, security building, convenient transportation/schools. 1000 E 33rd St. Drive by then call 522-6600

\$689 IMMACULATE spacious upper duplex. Washer, dryer, hardwood floors, Levolors, deck, garden. Nice location. No pets. 2578 14th Avenue. 658-3472

\$700 AND up, modern community, newly remodeled, wall-to-wall carpeting, enclosed balcony, laundry, parking. (510)533-2081

\$700 GREENRIDGE Drive in fourplex off Keller Ave. above 580. Sunny view, clinics, stove, refrigerator, balcony with view, fireplace, coin laundry, parking. 464-4697

\$750 LAUREL District, quiet, hillside with Oakland S.F. views, between 560/13 Close to Mills, Holy Names, security access. New interior and appliances, covered parking, balcony, laundry. No Pets. 530-2032.

\$760 TWO bedroom hill top apartments, Lake Merritt area. Professional management. Garage parking available. 834-9471.

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\$795 TWO bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Quiet neighborhood, near Rose Garden. Carpets, drapes, secure parking. 547-5542.

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\$1350 ROCKMIDGE, large refurbished flat, laundry hook-up, hardwood floors, new appliances, walk to BART. 644-5441.

\$1600 MONTCLAIR in-law, fireplace, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, small yard, pets okay, front, last, \$1000 deposit, utilities included. 482-2050.

\$1600 TWO bedroom, 2 bath, large sunny penthouse. Water/garage/parking paid \$2000 deposit. Call Jerry 891-9097

727 3+ BED. APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

\$850 THREE bedroom, 2 bath, large, nice, upstairs balcony, view, parking, storage. 3833 Maybelle. Available September 6. Good references. 510-339-1639

\$1075 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, China Hill duplex. Master suite, fireplace, huge kitchen, deck, dining room. Some remodeling. 364 Lester, WMC 893-9380

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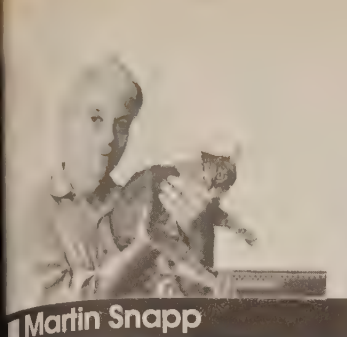
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Cat Tails: Here she is folks: the one, the only Phoebe Pember — aka "The Perfect Cat" — on her birthday. Cute, huh?

Actually, the official celebration was August 18th — as if I actually know her real birthday. (She was born in mid-to-late August. And one day I was talking through a book on the Civil War, and I discovered that the original Phoebe Pember, the Civil War heroine I named her after, was born August 18, 1823. Voila! A message from God. Aug.

18 it is.

After Nelly died, I was worried about how Phoebe would react. The mourning period lasted all of five seconds. Then it hit her that there were no more rivals for my attention, and she's been in seventh heaven ever since.

But, dummy that I am, it took me a little while to realize it. I even thought about adopting another kitten to keep her company. But, acting on the advice of a feline behaviorist, I brought home a towel with the kitten's scent on it first, to get her used to the smell. She took one sniff and sprang to the bedroom doorway. There she stayed, ears pinned back, guarding the bedroom against the towel. 'Nuff said.

So I'm back to being a one-cat man, probably for the rest of my life, because Phoebe — being the perfect cat — is so healthy, she'll probably outlive me.

How perfect is she? Let me count the ways:

- She always uses the scratching post and never trashes my furniture.
- She turns up her nose at wet food and only eats dry food.
- She never scatters her litter outside the box. In fact, you practically need a magnifying glass to tell whether she's even used the litter box at all. It's her old feral training: Never let a potential predator know you've been there.
- She never gets in fights with the other cats in the

neighborhood, because she never needs to. They're all afraid of her. She's so tough, the fleas are afraid to bite her.

• But she's just a sweet little pussycat with me.

So how do you like the new picture? Personally, I think I look like a dork; but she looks cute, and that's what counts.

For some time, I've been urged to change the old photo by you readers. One was G.M. Martin of Berkeley, who said he likes what I write, "but unfortunately, your photo screams, 'Whoooo! Look at me!' I'm insaaaane!!!!"

Another reader, (who chose to remain anonymous) wrote to say he doesn't like my looks or my writing — especially the column I wrote about the new book "Fourth Turning," which has blurbs on the back from Al Gore, Newt Gingrich, and (ahem) me.

"In typical Snapp fashion, you proudly parade your silly comments on a silly book with those of those other blurb writers, one of whom is a flakehead and the other a s---head," he writes. "And you, sir, cannot be dignified with any weightier appellation than katzenkopf!"

Let's see: My German isn't very good, but as best I can make out, he's just called me a "cathead." If so, I gladly plead guilty.

Busby Barkley: Speaking of animals, I regret that

my medical hiatus last month prevented me from making a timely mention of Lenny the dog.

Just as I was going into the hospital, Lenny was coming out. But let's back up to the beginning.

Lenny was cast to play the part of Toto in the Contra Costa Civic Theatre's production of "The Wiz." (It's the old casting couch again: He got the part by sleeping with the leading lady — Natalie Amaya, who played Dorothy. He's her dog.)

But the morning before opening night, two Rottweilers got into Lenny's yard and attacked him. Lenny was badly hurt, and had to spend several days at the vet's.

Fortunately, in the best show-must-go-on tradition, his understudy — Suzy, a veteran of several productions of "The Wizard of Oz" — stepped in.

After Suzy, the part was taken over by Vanna, who, among other things, was voted "The Cutest Dog in Vacaville." Finally, Lenny returned for the last two weeks of the run. While he was at the vet's, the entire cast sent him a get-well card and took up a collection to help pay his vet bills.

Asked how it felt to get out of the hospital, Lenny is reported to have barked over and over, "There's no place like home. There's no place like home."

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in The Journal. Write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 2936 Domingo Ave., Berkeley CA 94705, phone (510) 273-9039, or e-mail catman1@creative.net

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Out of Gas...



by Karen Senzig

I picked up a copy of the 1997 Consumer Reports New Car Buying Guide and I found an article that I just had to share with you. Every car needs some sort of emergency warning device in case of a breakdown. Something as minor as a shard of glass can disable a car without warning. If you don't have a cellular phone, you can't call for help immediately, you'll need to carry other equipment to keep a brief delay from becoming a major interruption.

Warning Devices

Triangle Reflectors. Compared with

emergency flares or warning lights, triangles have several advantages. They're reusable and they don't require electrical power. You can place them hundreds of feet from the car. And they can sit in the trunk for years without losing their effectiveness. You should have at least three triangles.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) requires interstate truck drivers to carry triangles and has a standard governing their performance and design. The standard requires, among other things, that triangles be highly reflective, 17 to 22 inches on a side, with a stable base. Models meeting the standard carry a certification statement or the letters DOT. Those are the only ones you should consider.

Once deployed, a triangle should stand up to wind gusts and to vibrations from passing traffic. Those that have been tested by Consumer Reports have a weighted base and proved quite stable.

To be effective at night, a triangle must be placed perpendicular to the traffic flow. Turn it more than a few degrees from that position and its visibility drops off sharply.

Fusee Flares. Like triangle reflectors, flares can be placed as far from the car as necessary and do not require electric power. These powder-filled tubes produce

a small, bright red flame when they are struck by a match.

Though widely used, flares have a number of drawbacks. They don't command attention as well as triangles, except in fog. Their light isn't very conspicuous at a distance and could be mistaken for a taillight. Their light may not last until help arrives. They produce gagging fumes and smoke and pose a fire hazard near dry brush or combustible materials. And they decay; they should be replaced about every three years for maximum effectiveness, according to one manufacturer.

Some flares have a wire stand that keeps the burning end off the ground. Others stand vertically when you push a spike into the ground. Spiked flares won't tip over but they can be all but impossible to drive into concrete or asphalt. If you do manage to plant a spiked flare, it could flatten another car's tire if you do not remove the spike when you leave.

Flashing Lights. These lights, which typically mount magnetically on the car roof, resemble the flasher on an emergency vehicle. They draw power from the vehicle's cigarette-lighter socket so they won't work in every emergency. Up close, the flashes emanating from these lights may seem bright enough. But from a couple of hundred feet away, even the better lights that Consumer Reports tested were no more visible than the car's own emergency flashers.

Flashlights. Add a couple of blinking bulbs to a flashlight, put a word like "hazard" on the package, and you have a prod-

uct that might seem to pass as a roadside emergency signal. Don't be taken in. Consumer Reports has tested several popular brands. They provided virtually no light from a distance. A flashlight can be invaluable in an emergency, but not to warn motorists.

Other Emergency Gear To Have On Hand

The following list, by no means exhaustive, should serve as a rough guide to other items you should carry. All the equipment is readily available at auto parts shops, hardware stores and pharmacies.

First Aid Kit. No driver should be without one. Include any special medication you need, such as a bee sting kit. Small kits sold at pharmacies for home use are often better stocked than those targeted for use in a car. Cost is about \$15. The Red Cross also sells a well stocked first aid kit for about \$30.

Booster Cables. If the battery conks out, booster cables enable a passing motorist to give you a jump start. If you drive in a cold climate, Consumer Reports suggests a heavy four- or six-gauge set of cables. For added reach, get a 16-foot version.

Spare Change. For telephone calls.

White Towel. A towel or even a pillow case can protect clothing if you have to crawl under the car, and it can serve as a warning flag.

Basic Tools. You may not be handy with tools, but a passing Good Samaritan might be. Keep these tools in a small pouch or

tackle box in the trunk: pliers, screwdrivers, (both flat and Phillips head), open end wrenches, adjustable wrench, electrical tape and duct tape, a spool of piano wire, a wire hanger and pocketknife.

Extra Fuses. A blown fuse can disable taillights or even prevent the car from running. Keep a few replacement fuses of assorted amperages in the glove compartment. Check the car's owner's manual for the size of fuses you need and the location of the fuse box.

Fire Extinguisher. You may never need to use a fire extinguisher, but you may want to keep one on board for an added sense of security. Be sure you buy one with an

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Exhibit offers a tantalizing taste of the Smithsonian

Recently I traveled to San Jose to view the Smithsonian exhibit. Celebrating its 150th anniversary, the incredible complex that is the Smithsonian is reaching out to the rest of America, bringing some of its wonders into the community.

Having only recently spent some time in Washington D. C., where I attempted to see some of the Smithsonian, I realize what an incredible job this must be. As I am sure you know, the Smithsonian is a number of buildings housing heaven knows how many items. There is so much: American History, Science and Technology, Space, and on and on. And in each building there is room after room of exhibits, to say nothing of the tremendous inventory of sheer stuff that cannot all be exhibited. How in the world does one, or even a committee of several, choose amongst all these treasures for the relatively few things that can make up a traveling exhibit.

The traveling exhibit is the brainchild of Dr. Ira Michael Heyman, who, after leaving his distinguished career at U.C. went to the Smithsonian as Proctor, and immediately began to implement his dream of bringing the Smithsonian to the rest of America.

But it is the enormity of the undertaking that I want to talk about. How the tremendous treasury of the Smithsonian can possibly be brought to the rest of the country boggles the mind — at least this mind. So I wanted to go to San Jose to see it.

Just having it in San Jose was a tremendous undertaking. The security had to be tremendous, and it is. With airport type security, the thousands of people who came to view the exhibit were lined up in the usual zigzag line that was moved with great efficiency. Several security people politely pointed the way in each move. Almost everyone caused the gate to sing out, yet the guards seemed to know who to wave on and who to send to the security desks where their packs and purses were gone through quickly and thoroughly.

As with most very popular exhibits at any museum, the lines were very long and the crowd thick around each item. One stood in line to reach the board explaining the item and then to reach the item, itself. And, again, as usual, there were always two or three people who, earphones on head, stood in front of the item to be viewed listening to the tape explain the who, what, when and where of the item. You really had to have the whole day to view the exhibit using the tape, and we had only a couple of hours.

So then, you had to pick and choose. What did you want to spend time waiting to see, and what would you just crane to get some sense of and then move on to another. Again, how in the world did they choose?

It certainly was not a comprehensive exhibit. You were given a sip here, a taste there, enough to give one the idea of what went on in all of those huge buildings in Washington, D. C., and a desire to go back, go back, I didn't see that when I was there! Small things. For instance, the most important president of our century, was a drawing he had made, the plan of a stamp, the stamp, itself (of Susan B. Anthony) and the well-known fact that he was an avid stamp

collector.

On TV the other day I saw the exhibit about spiders that in person I could only glimpse over the heads — and under the arms — of several dozen people who were studying it carefully. It was fascinating, of course. I was sure that any handwork exhibit would have to be Amish quilts, so I was astounded to see a very modern quilt in magnificent colors lighting up the whole dark room, representing some of the handwork in the collection.

And, by the way, the room was dark. There were frequent signboards explaining why the room was so dim and how more light and air would harm the collection.

When the standing, waiting,

shuffling and slow moving finally got to us, my friend and I skipped some of the exhibit (including an airplane which I never did get back to) and went through to another room which held a full merry-go-round. I would have loved to have ridden it, but, again, the line was too long and the time too short. So we went to an area that covered The Musical in America. A sign said that a short tape would start in a few moments, so we sat on the one bench and rested, studying the surrounding area, mostly picturing scenes from musicals. When the tape came on, it was a work of art. Very short, it gave a very brief history of the musical in America — very brief. It started with Esther Williams diving into a next of

swimming beauties in one of their flower-like routines. There were Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron dancing in *An American in Paris*, and, of course, Judy Garland singing part of a song in a scene from *Meet Me in St. Louis*. But nowhere was there even a sign of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers! The American Musical without at least a flash of them dancing across the screen? Impossible. No Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald calling "Youou ou ou ou ou ou," either. Who Chose? And how?

An idea so daunting that I feel as if I am breaking some trust even questioning as little as this. But they did it, those wonderful people of the Smithsonian. They have sent

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



forth a tease, a taste, a sip of what is the Smithsonian. And I can't wait to get back to Washington to spend more time with it.

It was the Oakland Museum, History Guild that finally got me to San Jose. They do have great little trips. And, as always, I invite you to give me your input. Interesting people, events, Organizations, Etc. And by the way, if you have made

such a suggestion to me and not acted on it, PLEASE write again. I sometimes make a note when you call or stop by my grocery store, and then later notes I have written to my so appreciate your calls. Hate losing them. Forgive me, give me another chance. Write me at 555 Pierce St., Albany, 94706 or call 526-1155. My email is crgenser@aol.com

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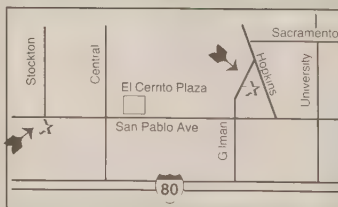
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SM's '97 backfield strong on both sides of football

By John Gardella

As Dan Shaughnessy prepares to lead a high school football team for the 38th year, the goal for this St. Mary's High football team is simple: be better than last year's squad.

Last season, after three years of dominating the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League, the Panthers falter and fell to 5-5.

"We are just looking to improve," said Shaughnessy. "We basically have the same cast of characters. But last year we were very inconsistent. We

obviously have to change that."

One player the Panthers did lose to graduation, however, is Ben Gerbacio, the team's leading receiver as a senior.

"We are going to miss Ben a lot," the coach said. "He was quite a good receiver for us."

SM's offensive and defensive backfields should be the team's strength, with Khalid and Kwamin Taylor, Paki Gordon and Devin Poche-West, all two-way players and track team members, returning. Depth at running back is imperative for SM's smash-mouth football style.

"All of them have good speed and good movement," Shaughnessy said.

The key to the run is the offensive line and Shaughnessy thinks he has just the right anchor for it, Matt Himelstein, whom he compares favorably to John Romero, Cal's offensive lineman and a SM grad.

"I think they are very similar in strength and technique," Shaughnessy said.

The Panthers first scrimmage is Sept. 6 at powerhouse Alhambra.

Urban's in Berkeley baseball's driver's seat

Nationals
come
back
BYB
game

Jelani Harper

Just didn't make sense. Only minutes before, the American League's Bay Area Urban League convincingly defeated its National League counterpart in the Berkeley Youth Baseball Jr. Bantam championship game. The outcome of the all star game, which featured several players from the morning's championship game, now swung decisively in the National League's favor. The National's 19-5 victory shows just how deep the talent runs in the



The American League's Eddie Pickett puts tag on Nationals' Cole Stipovich's attempted steal in BYB all-star game Saturday.

BYB's Jr. Bantam Division, which is comprised of 11- and 12-year-olds. Selection for the teams was done by voting; each team sending three representatives and no player could vote for himself. Substitutions were made every two or three innings to insure equal playing time for everyone.

The National side included players from The Model Garage,

Ramirez and Associates, Todd Jersey Architecture, National Starch and the Bayer Corporation. The Americans consisted of players from Urban, Fresh Blend, The Berkeley Rotary Club, the Kiwanis and Zonta.

From the outset it was clear that the Nationals would exact its revenge. It started off with a four-run first inning largely due to a double

and a single, respectively, from The Garage's Jacob Demir and Andre Steinberg, both of whom played on the morning's losing side title game. Bayer's Powell DeGange drove in two more RBI on the strength of a key single to left.

From there things only seemed to get worse for the Americans. With two out and two runners in scoring position what should have

been a routine ground ball was missed and two more runs scored. To make matters worse, The Garage's Demir proved to be an ace on the mound, holding the Nationals scoreless for the first two innings.

Still, the Nationals maintained its sportsmanship and spirit. "We're all all stars here," remarked Fresh

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Team wins Jr. Bantam pennant

By Jelani Harper

One would hardly expect to find country singer Marty Robbins at the Berkeley Youth Baseball Junior Bantam championship game, and fortunately for the victorious Bay Area Urban League side, he never showed up.

"Marty Robbins' 'El Paso' is our fight song," laughed Urban manager Hurley Young Saturday at San Pablo Field, "it fires us up. Kona Kai was the only team to beat us in the regular season, and when we played them the second time I brought out that tape. When we started to let down a little bit I told them, 'Hey guys, keep your head up and start cheering 'cause if you don't I'll play that Marty Robbins tape'."

It seemed the threat worked as Urban won that game but Robbins wasn't needed as Urban soundly defeated The Model Garage, 7-1, to take the title.

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Berkeley Youth Baseball Championship	
Urban League	7
Model Garage	1

Bay Oaks
girls 2nd
in English
tournament

Bay Oaks United, a girls' select team, traveled to England last summer where it finished as runner-up in the Wedgewood Keele International Soccer Festival. The tournament included teams from all over Europe and several from the United States.

The Bay Oaks won a shootout against a strong Irish team to make the finals. The Oaks lost, 1-0, to the English team, the Tranmere Rovers, which plays in the professional women's league.

Several Oaks shots that just missed, it was a closely contested game. The girls represent various teams from the East Bay, including Piedmont, Montclair, Oakland, Berkeley, Hayward, Alameda, and Contra Costa County.

Another highlight of the Oaks' summer was winning the National Youth Championships in their age group. Playing at Foothill College, the Oaks beat a team from Western Park in the finals, 6-2, to win the title. Futsal is soccer played inside with six players on

Kerwanga defensive about route to Cal

By John Gardella

After Kato Serwanga's circuitous route to Cal stardom, you have to wonder whether this guy recently disposed of an albatross that was tied tightly around his neck.

After all, the transition from unheralded high school player to all-conference candidate had more pot-holes than a New York City highway.

Serwanga started at Sacramento

State in 1994 before transferring to the University of the Pacific when the Hornets considered dropping their program. But when the school decided to keep football, Serwanga was forced to miss the first part of the '95 season at UOP. He led the Tigers with four interceptions, despite missing the first four games, then found out UOP was dropping its program.

The meandering road led to Berkeley. See KERWANGA on page 24



Cal CB Kato Serwanga: "College is college. I've changed schools and I've changed programs, but it's still college and it's still a game."

Vedder-Shaw passing game will be real

By John Gardella

The 1997 Cal Golden Bears football team have more question marks than the Joker's costume: Tarik Smith's rehabbed knee, a porous defense, another coaching change.

Perhaps the most crucial question, however, reverberating through Strawberry Canyon, is whether the offense can duplicate last season's production (457.6 yards and nearly 34 points per game).

The answer depends largely on how veteran receiver Bobby Shaw and incoming quarterback Justin Vedder respond to each other. Can

they click as well as Shaw and Pat Barnes did last season, when the two terrorized defenses?

If similarity fosters a rapport, then Cal would appear to be in trouble. A look suggests Shaw-Vedder are the Bears' odd couple.

Shaw is local, a San Francisco native. The senior played at Cal as a true freshman and worked himself into being the Pac-10's leading receiver last year, topping the conference with 61 receptions and nine touchdowns, capturing all-conference honors.

Shaw's steeped in the West Coast offense. Three seasons of sure hands and galactic strides earned him the

cover of Cal's 1997 media guide, but all that has not given Shaw a lot of wins.

The peripatetic Vedder comes from Southern California. He redshirted at Boston University before transferring to Saddleback Junior College, where he won a national championship.

The junior hasn't lost in 17 games. He's had four months to learn Cal's intricate offense.

Yet, despite differences as vast as the ones between the northern and southern regions of the state, Shaw and Vedder have developed a camaraderie.

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Will Cal's Bobby Shaw be 'virtual' shoo-in for Pac-10 title again?

EC Gators, fourth; record 13 swim marks

Thirty-six members of the El Cerrito Gators made up a strong force at the recent Northern California Counties swim championships in Walnut Creek.

Competing in the "Large Team" division against teams with more than 100 swimmers, the Gators captured 13 more records, two high-point trophies, and finished fourth in the team standings of the three-day event.

The team's coaches were ecstatic with their swimmers' performance. Coach Jerry Abbe remarked, "You guys did perfectly." Coach Blythe Lucero said, "I couldn't be more proud."

Standout Gator performances included: 6 and under girls: Christina Castro's individual medley, Carmen Castro's efficient freestyle swim, Isa Guardalabene's all best times, 6 and under boys: Blake Cushing's second place breast stroke, Jared Jawad's speedy backstroke, 7-8 girls: Tangni Neitschmann's second place individual medley, Basha Hackett's first place backstroke, Arlene Sasse's quick breast stroke.

7-8 boys: Alex Cushing's five meet records, Shen Liu's excellent butterfly, Nico Guardalabene's backstroke

swims. Francisco Castro's nine second drop in backstroke, 9-10 girls: Nora Castro's best times, Jenya Jawad's competitive backstroke, Erin Carr's personal best in the I.M., Bonnie Lucero's dependable breast stroke, Belen Bohlen-Stein's dynamic backstroke; Amy Chen's first place butterfly.

11-12 girls: Cecilia Machiavelli's high point trophy; Dimphy Sasse's third place breast stroke, Cody Ramin's zippy freestyle, Rebecca Parsa's spirited butterfly.

11-12 boys: Eric Lucero's versatile I.M., Mark Chan's third

place backstroke, Andrew Alabanza's second place butterfly, 13-14 girls: Melina Machiavelli's remarkable butterfly, Natalie Focht's strong backstroke, Alice Zhang's streamlined breaststroke.

13-14 boys: Matthew Wong's unbeatable breaststroke, Itamar Huang's surprising butterfly sprint, 15-18 girls: Nicole Focht's powerful breaststroke, Jeena Narula's breast stroke; 15-18 boys: Kabu Neitschmann's fourth place breast stroke, and Asa Calthorpe's heat winning I.M.

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Blend and National League manager Richards, "the point is to play the game and have a good time."

The Nationals got on the scoreboard in the fourth inning when Zonta's James Dixon brought a runner home with a tag-up fly ball to center field. It picked up two more runs in the fifth when Zonta's Jaddius Franklin singled with runners in scoring position.

But if the morning belonged to Urban and the American League, this afternoon belonged to the Nationals. They exploded in the sixth for a seven run inning, started innocently enough by a single to left field from the Architecture's Jibri Gilreath. He was replaced on first by Architecture teammate Tyles Reid, who advanced to third on successive wild pitches. National Starch's Foster Govee then drew a walk to set the stage for more scoring.

The Architecture's Oliver Suttice and The Garage's Jerod Crugton both singled to bring in three RBI. A pair of walks and a single and the bases were loaded, at which point National Starch's Jelani Kelley doubled to right field to bring in more two more runs. Todd Jersey's Tyles Reid and the Starch's Foster Govee each singled to bring in runs to close out the inning.

But the festivities weren't over yet. In the top of the seventh a series of walks once again loaded the bases, and Ramirez's Paul Villa stepped to the plate. He hit a solid line drive to right, and managed to turn what should have been a routine double into a grand slam, due to the American's fielding errors.

The National League went wild, mobbing Villa and slapping high fives. For the moment it looked as if the Garage players and their new teammates had forgotten all about that morning's defeat.



National's Jelani Kelley on his way to HR in Saturday's BYB all-star game.

Real

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"It's like Justin's been here the whole time," said Shaw. "He and I clicked a lot faster than I thought we would. It's like he's been here forever. He and I had a great spring together; we had a great summer workout. Now we're just excited to play."

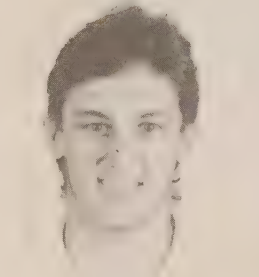
If Shaw and Vedder consistently click on TD scores, first-year coach Tom Holmoe may have a video game played in front of a TV, to thank.

"We've got a play station and we are always playing football against each other," said Vedder. "It's been fun. We always compete with each other."

One other commonality they do share is confidence, in themselves and the team.

"Justin is a winner," said Holmoe, who also admitted Vedder was not the coaching staff's top choice when it was recruiting a QB.

"Every week that passed in the



New Cal QB Justin Vedder will look downfield for...

recruiting process) there was something that was more and more attractive about him. In the end he was our man and I'm certainly glad he's the guy."

Said Shaw, who's caught 17 TDs in 16 starts the past two seasons, "I set high standards for myself because I want to contribute more to

our team. I know we can improve on last year."

One of the highlights of the recently concluded camp in Turlock was a 60-yard TD between Vedder and Shaw, reminiscent of some of the plays Shaw and Barnes used to team up on.

"Justin (6-feet) is a little (sic) smaller than Pat (6-5 (sic)) and he's left-handed," said Shaw. "Pat had the arm strength to sit back, wait for you to get open and throw it in there. Justin will throw the ball and expect you to make the play. That's the type of quarterback you like to have. You want to know that the ball is going to be in the air and he's going to have confidence in you to go up and make the play."

Vedder doesn't appear ruffled by the pressure of having to replace a highly successful, 6-foot-4 QB: "I played against Pat in high school, my sophomore and junior years and his junior and senior years. He was in the same league as me, so it seems like I'm always following after him. But I'm not worried about



... WR Bobby Shaw during upcoming '97 season.

replacing him. I'm trying to make this team better. I just want to go out and win. If this team wins I'm happy."

If Shaw and Vedder can duplicate on the field the same success as with their with video games, it could be the start of something beautiful at Cal.

Pennant

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The game was fought and won mostly in the third inning when Urban rallied to score five runs. Until then, it was a close fought contest, with Urban narrowly ahead by a run.

In the top of the third Ricardo Green got things rolling with a single, then

promptly took second on a wild pitch. Game-winning pitcher Ryhan Bahadosigh drew a walk, then both runners advanced on another wild pitch. Garage starter Ian Stewart walked the next batter to load the bases, then right-fielder Chris Chamber stepped up to the plate.

Chamber, who had already singled in Urban's first run in the second inning, wasted no time in smacking a triple deep

into center field to open the floodgates. Urban went on to score two more runs before the inning was over. It put two more across in the third.

Though it came into the game with an overall record of 11-1, assistant coach Allen Kropp explained that the team was never over-confident.

"The Garage has a good team," he remarked, "but then the breaks went our way and things just came around."

Urban's Bahadosigh had a fantastic game on the mound, limiting the Garage to only three hits. He worked the entire seven innings, and had 11 strikeouts.

"I feel good about the win," Bahadosigh said, "I only pitched the closing inning in Thursday's game so my arm was fresh."

The Garage did manage to put a run across in the bottom of the seventh, but by then the game's fate had been sealed. "It's like a BMW," Young said enthusiastically to summarize his team's performance, "and I'm just a driver. But it's the car that makes the driver look good."

Kerwanga

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keley, where last season Serwanga bore the brunt of criticism for a beleaguered secondary that surrendered 271 aerial yards per game in a defense that ranked 105th in the country. But even though he had shaky games (see Sept. 14 vs. San Diego State, where Az-Zahir Hakim played the Road Runner to his Wile E. Coyote), Serwanga still led Cal with four interceptions.

"He certainly has an interesting past in college football," quipped first-year coach Tom Holmoe, who won three Super Bowls playing in the 49ers' secondary and was Cal's defensive coordinator last year. "We were very fortunate to pick up Kato, and we're hoping he doesn't continue having schools drop their programs when he comes."

But entering his senior year, Serwanga, whose twin brother, Wasswa, is a safety at UCLA, is considered one of the top cornerbacks in college in what is a very deep position; he's got the size (6-0, 195), strength (365-pound bench press) and speed (4.5 in the 40) to draw NFL scouts to Memorial Stadium; and he's being asked to lead a very young defense. His less-than-stable college career

apparently hasn't hindered his improvement.

"College is college," Serwanga said. "I've changed schools and I've changed programs, but it's still college and it's still a game."

Serwanga and Skyline graduate Derrick Gardner, a junior, will man the corners for Cal, with junior Aundrea Harris backing them up. Juniors Marquis Smith and David Burnside are at strong safety, with sophomore Pete Destefano slated for free safety.

"Kato is a very physical specimen and he's very smart," said Holmoe. "He's a starter from last year, so he comes back as one of our leaders. We expect a lot out of him and he expects a lot out of himself."

What Holmoe won't get out of his corner, though, is a lot of rah-rah, talking-it-up leadership. The cerebral (he carries a 3.0 GPA) and soft-spoken Serwanga plans to inspire Cal's underclassmen through his play. "I'm not the kind of person that talks that much," he said recently. "So I don't think the leadership will so much be vocal. It will be done through my play, and my actions will back up anything that needs to be said. Hopefully the young players will see that."

Despite ranking third in the Pac-10 in interceptions, Serwanga's inconsistent play last season didn't draw

rave reviews. But the media's perception of the Uganda-born athlete and his team (most publications including Bay Area media outlets, have the Golden Bears ranked near the bottom of the conference) doesn't rankle Serwanga.

"I don't worry too much about it," said Serwanga, discussing the polls. "They (the media) don't know much about me and I don't know too much about them. I haven't been on their good side too much anyway. The rankings I really don't care about, because the game is played on the grass on Saturday. The media's not there playing defense."

But a heady player uses whatever motivation he can grasp on to, and no one can question Serwanga's smarts.

"I use the negative press (news accounts) as motivation," he said, a wide smile crossing his face. "I've used it ever since high school. I'm somebody who hasn't been given the respect I thought I deserved. And as a team, we haven't been given the respect we believe we deserve. We have to earn that respect on Saturdays."

"My life has taught me to be resilient, in any event."

Cal opens on the road at Houston Sept. 6 and comes home for the first time against Oklahoma Sept. 20.

Sign up now for Albany Pool swimming classes

The Albany pool, located at 1311 Portland Ave., is accepting mail registration for the fall session. Adult classes will begin Sept. 1 and children's classes begin Sept. 15.

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number 209 in a series of true stories in real estate.

In addition to doing regular real estate, we are sometimes hired for a fee to consult with buyers who are without becoming their agents. They don't want to feel committed to a particular agent or they want general information about strategies, an agent's views before they decide what to do. For example, a would-be seller asked us not long ago asking if we could talk to him about the house he had been building himself over the last few years. He and his wife had wanted to complete the construction and stay but their plans have changed and they'd like to sell. The owners wanted our opinion on how much further they should go in finishing the house, how

much more money it makes sense for them to spend, what kinds of things a potential buyer will likely find most appealing.

They have carpeted the master bedroom, for example, because they prefer carpet and it was less expensive to lay than a wood floor. Did we feel that a wood floor would be preferable? Also, what difference would it make if the downstairs bath counters were finished in ceramic tile instead of the marble used in the other bathrooms?

There were questions about how far they should go with landscaping and adding a spa. They asked for information about staging, showing and pricing. How quickly might their house sell? What kinds of dis-

closures will they need to make? They wondered if it would make sense for them to market the house themselves. If not, how should they go about choosing the right agent to

and continue to work on finishing it but we told them that this is not a good idea. The work should be completely done and all the tools put away before any buyer sees the house.

This couple is passionate about their house. For a long time they have been involved in designing, then building every square inch of it. They are intimately acquainted

with each joint and fastening, materials and applications and rush to explain to us which ones work well and those that do not.

They are understandably proud of their accomplishments but, we say, it would be better if they are not the ones to show the house to buy-

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list the house?

It is impossible to supply hard and fast answers for most of these questions, of course, but we gave the owners a broader picture than they would have otherwise, offered some perspective based on our experience.

We also gave some unsolicited advice. They said they planned to put the house on the market soon

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Low inflation steadies rates

On Aug. 21 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 8 basis points from last week's average of 7.54 percent to 7.46 percent. At the end of the third week of August 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 7.93 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) remained unchanged from last week's average of 5.56 percent. A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.79 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing market, fell 7 basis points from last week's average of 7.07 per-

cent to 6.99 percent. This time last year this rate was 7.45 percent.

"Since the Federal Reserve saw no reason to raise interest rates, mortgage rates dropped a little this week," said Freddie Mac chief economist Robert Van Orden.

"With the Consumer Price Index results showing inflation still well under control, interest rates should remain under 7.5 percent next week as well."

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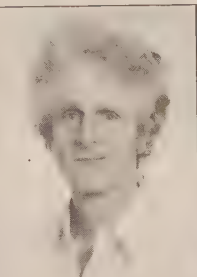


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Billy has been a real estate agent in Berkeley for the last 10 years. He is a graduate of Columbia College in New York, where he studied Classics.

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ers. They're just too close to it.

We suggest that they interview several different agents who work in the area. They should ask for references from each agent and take the time to contact them, then choose an agent who obviously appreciates the house and has an organized marketing plan. Most importantly, the owners must feel comfortable with the communication between them and the agent.

The owners can put their love and knowledge of the house to good use by writing down for the buyers the construction specifications, all of the details they would like to tell about the materials they've selected, including if they wish, their reasons for these choices.

As we walk through the house, they point out some projects and changes they expect to make, not all of which we find necessary. The husband thinks the oak floor in the kitchen needs additional coats of finish but we think the floor looks fine.

He also has a plan to add glass shelves inside a stairway alcove while we think it looks better plain.

There is a question about whether the inside stairs should be carpeted or left in rough fir. We prefer the fir but we are unsure what the buyer will want. It will simply depend on the buyer.

We suggest that they make a list of all unfinished work with an estimate of the costs and time to complete them. Meanwhile, we will look at the sales prices of similar houses and start watching the market for similar new listings. We can return and go over our lists together.

Buyers also call us, often because they are considering buying directly from an owner and need information. Recently one couple wanted to buy the house they had been renting for several years from their landlord who was also a friend.

These buyers were very organized. Before calling us they had gone to many open houses, looked at houses similar in size, style, quality and location to the one they were living in. They had a pretty good idea about its value.

The house needed some work, including redoing the garage rafters and roof covering and replacing a rickety deck. They already had a termite report and bids for repairs from contractors and they knew approximately what it would cost

to do some kitchen and bathroom upgrading, figures they needed before they chose the amount of down payment they would make.

In order to protect their own position, they wanted to learn everything possible about the way sales "traditionally are handled." They were also concerned that they not jeopardize their friendship with the owner by asking for something "unreasonable."

They had already selected an attorney who would draw up their contract. Now they wanted our opinion of the situation. What work would the seller typically pay for? What kinds of disclosures must he make? How should they go about getting a loan? Were there other things they hadn't considered?

They hadn't decided whether they would tear down the garage or repair it. We suggested that they go to the city, look at the building permit files, which would give them general information on work done on the house, and at the same time

make inquiries about the garage.

If they decided to remove it, would the city allow it to be rebuilt in the future? Would requirements for a new garage be different from those for repairing the present one?

We talked about getting a professional appraisal to set the value on the house (which turned out not to be necessary). We said that frequently the seller takes responsibility for the cost of the "termite" work. Whereas, more often than not, the buyer is responsible for any upgrades. But there are no rules about these things; they are all open to negotiation.

We talked about loans and loan brokers, closing costs and which of these the seller and buyer usually pay. We discussed what the title company does, how to open an escrow, how earnest money deposits are usually handled and how much they are.

We made sure they understood what contingencies they would have, what to expect from their in-

spectors and what disclosures the seller should provide to them.

We spent less than three hours with them that day, the only time we met in person. After that, as the sale progressed, they did call to ask a few other questions but otherwise they handled everything most ably. It was an unusually smooth transaction.

This was true for several reasons. This couple is good at taking in information and using it; their brains worked very well. Neither the seller nor the buyers were unreasonable in their demands. They were able to come to agreement easily and they had an excellent attorney who took care of their contract.

They called again when the house was theirs, reporting that they were very happy indeed.

Anet Tarpoff and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents and residential specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

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Bernard Maybeck: the First Bay Tradition

Bernard Maybeck's architecture possesses that timeless beauty which distinguishes all great art. No two of his buildings are much alike, yet they all manifest the pleasing qualities of craftsmanship and environmental sensitivity that were his hallmark.

First Bay Tradition

As the dominant influence of the architectural school known as the First Bay Tradition, Maybeck left a legacy that lives in the creations of young Bay Area architects who are inspired by his work, as well as in the hundreds of marvelous buildings he designed throughout the Western United States.

The First Bay Tradition was not a style but rather a philosophical movement of Bay Area architects that began in the Bay Area in the 1890s and extended through the 1920s. During those years, the Bay Area produced an exceptional

generation of architects, that included Julia Morgan, Ernest Coxhead, Willis Polk, John Galen Howard, and John Hudson Thomas.

Guiding light

But it was the work of Bernard Maybeck, together with the writings of his philosopher friend Charles Keeler, that gave the First Bay Tradition its guiding principles. Among the distinguishing characteristics of the architecture of Maybeck and his followers were:

- the use of "natural" materials, such as redwood, brick, and stone;
- modern construction materials, such as reinforced concrete or metal-sash plate glass windows;
- free adaptation of historic motifs, such as Gothic or arched windows; and most important,
- an integration of each structure with the environment of its site.

In the early years of Maybeck's career, he designed a number of

homes, which he described as "Gothic houses", because of their heavy use of medieval motifs. Maybeck's first independent commission was a house he designed in 1894 for his friend Charles Keeler, which became the prototype for the First Bay Tradition. It stands in a remodeled state at 1790 Highland Place in Berkeley, (its original brown-shingled facade was stuccoed over after the 1923 Berkeley fire.

Built of solid redwood, the Keeler House was planned to fit into the sloping wooded hillside so it would appear to be a natural part of its environment. The exterior consists of a number of high-peaked gables, including one shaped like a Japanese pagoda.

The banded plate-glass windows on the main floor afford a maximum amount of natural light for the exposed redwood-paneled interior. The master bedroom at the back of the house combines a steep Gothic

gable with an innovative use of factory sash windows that create a wall of glass across the rear of the room.

Swiss chalets were the inspiration for a number of Maybeck's early home designs. The Schneider-Kroeber House on Arch Street in Berkeley is an outstanding example of Alpine-style craftsmanship. Built of redwood in 1907 on a steep hillside lot, this house utilizes the traditional chalet elements of wide overhanging eaves, exposed exterior beams, and long gallery-type balconies. The balconies are decorated with pilasters and with cutout butterfly motifs at each corner that suggest Maybeck's training as the son of a German wood-carver.

Career blossoms

From the turn of the century through the 1920s, Maybeck's ca-

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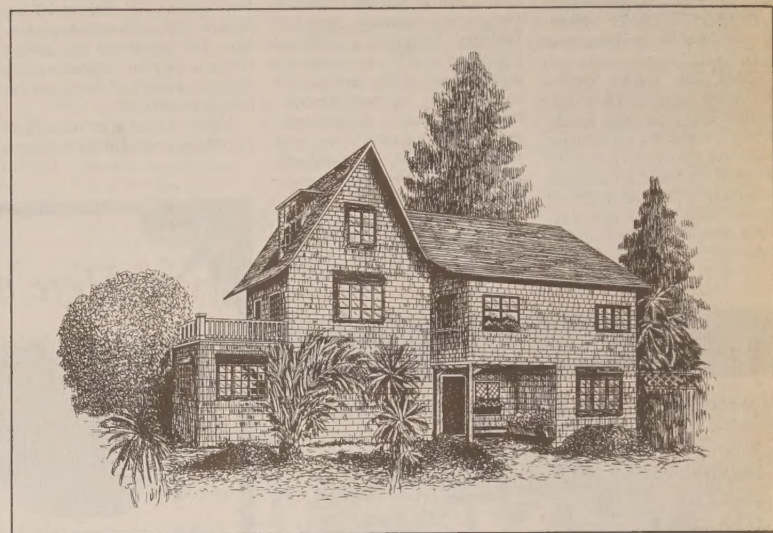
reer was at its zenith. It was this period during which he created his most innovative buildings. The Town and Gown Club, designed in 1899 at Dwight and Dana Streets in Berkeley, was the first of these commissions.

At first glance, it appears to be little more than a large, brown-shingled cube with a smaller side wing. Closer examination reveals groups of banded plate-glass windows along the ground floor, and an

avant-garde use of extended "out-rigger" brackets to support the overhanging hipped roof, a feature that decades later became common on homes throughout the East Bay hills.

A few years later, Maybeck designed another highly original clubhouse for the Hillside Club at 2286 Cedar Street in Berkeley. The original 1906 redwood building was sheathed in redwood shingles and illuminated by large wood-latticed

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Mark Wilson

This landmark home in Berkeley exemplifies the spirit of Maybeck's First Bay Tradition

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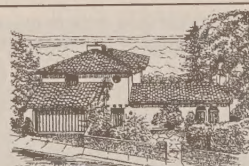
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Inside, the floor was supported by a grid system of girders and joists hung on columns, which in turn carried the entire structural system and rested on mat footings beneath the floor.

The original Hillside Club almost burned down in the 1923 Berkeley fire; it was rebuilt in 1924 by Maybeck's son-in-law Mark White in a manner strongly resembling Bernard's original design.

Reinforced concrete was a relatively experimental material in the early 1900s. Maybeck is credited with designing one of the first two reinforced concrete houses on the West Coast—the Andrew Lawson House of 1907 on La Loma Avenue in the North Berkeley Hills. The Lawson House was designed to be earthquake-proof, a major concern for houses built in the Bay Area just after the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake.

The style of the building is an adaptation of a Pompeian villa, with its pastel pink, plaster-covered walls, and an open loggia serving as a balcony along the south facade. The very low-pitched, overhanging roofline and the overall horizontal massing of the house are elements borrowed from the Prairie School of Frank Lloyd Wright, thus making this design a unique Pompeian-Prairie villa.

Wildwood

Maybeck's expertise in building on hillside lots prompted the real estate developer Frank C. Havens to ask Maybeck to design a house for him in 1908 above a steep canyon on Wildwood Avenue in Piedmont. The problem of the steep grade was overcome by placing the entrance on the second floor and level with street, while the first floor was extended out over the canyon in back.

A concrete fireplace was set in the main wall of the living room, with Maybeck's characteristic baronial-sized opening. The unusual octagonal dining room retains some of Maybeck's original design elements, such as a projecting interior balcony along the second floor landing, and Neoclassic pilasters between the picture glass windows.

His masterpiece

If any one building can be said to be Maybeck's masterpiece, it is the First Christian Science Church at Dwight and Bowditch Streets in Berkeley. Designed in 1910 and completed in 1912, the church is a unique blend of six architectural styles: Gothic, Japanese, Mediterranean, Neoclassic, Romanesque, and modern industrial. The total effect is a superbly integrated aesthetic creation that achieves an air of transcendent beauty.

The construction of the church combines redwood framing and beaming with a Spanish tile roof,

and Japanese trellises with an adroitly handled use of such modern building materials as poured concrete in the form of Neoclassic columns and Gothic window tracery.

Maybeck also used metal factory-sash windows, and asbestos paneling disguised with red diamond-shaped ornaments to blend in with the overall rustic character of the design. A series of low-pitched, wide overhanging gables unifies the whole exterior of the church.

1923 fire plays a role

During the later stage of Maybeck's career, he abandoned the use of wooden shingles as surface material in favor of more fire resistant materials such as plaster, tiles, and concrete. This change was largely the result of the disastrous Berkeley fire of 1923, which destroyed nearly 600 buildings, including several redwood structures designed by Maybeck.

One of the earliest homes in which he employed such precautions was the J.W. Calkins House, built in 1922 on Rosemont in Oakland. The exterior of the Calkins House is sheathed in plaster to reduce the danger of fire from the heavily wooded lot.

Maybeck himself rebuilt in fire-proof form several of his buildings

destroyed in the 1923 fire. The Alma S. Kennedy Studio at Euclid and Buena Vista Way in Berkeley was designed by Maybeck in 1914, with lacy wooden trellises overhanging a split-gabled roof.

After the fire, Maybeck redesigned the house in a similar fashion but eliminated the trellising and covered the roof in Spanish tiles. The walls of the new 1924 Kennedy House were covered in pastel-colored stucco, and concrete was used to form a Gothic-tracery balcony and a curving walled ramp that winds up to the entrance from Buena Vista.

A ripe old age

By the 1930s, Maybeck chose to accept fewer commissions than he had in previous years as he gradually eased into semi-retirement. He died in 1957 at the age of 95, in the house he had designed for his son Wallen on Buena Vista Way in the Berkeley Hills. Maybeck's creative application of his environmentally-sensitive design philosophy made his work an inspiration to generations of architects and art lovers from his own time to the present.

Mark A. Wilson is a Realtor and architectural historian who works at Mason McDuffie's Berkeley-Telegraph Ave. office. Call 273-9383.

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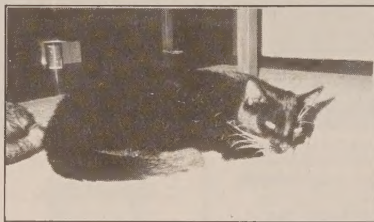
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Is advertising information? I have

always believed it was, especially when promoting upcoming events, new businesses, sales and products. But remember, the objective of a good ad is to present a point of view about a product or service calculated to persuade you to make that phone call or make a purchase.

In some cases, what is left out of the ad, the information they haven't told you, is more important than what they are screaming at you. It's your responsibility to counteract this one-sided view by comparing your needs and options with the ad's content and then filtering out what's useful.

What to avoid

• **Is the offer too good to be true?** Everyone wants a bargain. But consider the first maxim of mortgages: You never get something for nothing. For example, ads commonly offer "no fees or points." What's not mentioned is that the interest rate is usually higher when you pay lower or no points. In the end, that no fee, no point loan could cost you a lot more when you consider the higher interest that you will pay over the life of the loan.

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As a final thought, it's a good idea to maintain a healthy level of skepticism. Many ads appeal to emotions. When dealing with mortgages, it's best to use your head.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached 339-8511, fax 339-3814, e-mail at ksenzig@aol.com.

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Corporate-executive offering in prestigious Montclair. 4BR, 3.5BA of many custom features; wonderful LR w/ architect detailing; fabulous front deck, perfect for entertaining with access to FR & LR; mst site that will make you speechless. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

NEWLY LISTED PIEDMONT AVE. 4-PLEX.....\$400,000
Brown shingle just off upper Piedmont Ave. has two 3BR units, hwd floors, old fashioned charm. \$41K income per year. JIM SCHUBERT 436-6683

DOUBLE HEADER DUPLEX.....\$399,000
You'll find a two for one write-off from this spacious duplex, each unit w/2BR, 2BA, separate yard, fireplace, each bright and charming. M. J. McCONVILLE 287-9583

MAX HOME: MINI PRICE.....\$339,000
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BARGAIN PRICE! MONTCLAIR HOME.....\$299,000
The best yard and the most interior space for the price. Excellent condition—beautiful Montclair setting. Make a good investment. JENNIE LIPPINCOTT 655-7137

LE DEAL.....\$289,000
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ENJOY STEADY INCOME.....\$239,000
From this one of a kind 4plex in sought after Piedmont Ave area, walk to Kaiser—all units have charm, hwd flrs, 1pkg space, storage. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

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WALK TO REDWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOL.....\$215,000
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SINGLE LEVEL LIVING AT ITS BEST.....\$210,000
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BRIGHT UPDATED VICTORIAN.....\$199,000
Just reduced — delightful home and neighborhood, newer roof, remod. kitchen and bath, large fenced sunny yard, September mint tulleps on romantic front porch. CAROLYN HARTLEY 287-9588

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318 Anderson Rd. - \$365,000
1155 Bismarck Ln. - \$190,000
2012 Buena Vista Ave. - \$191,000
424 Camden Rd. - \$250,000
3444 Capella Ln. - \$193,000
2159 Central Ave. #B - \$166,000
741 Central Ave. - \$181,000
1608 Clinton Ave. - \$299,000
1704 Cornell Dr. - \$350,000
415 Creedon Cir. - \$599,500
1032 Doris Ct. - \$205,000
814 Haight Ave. - \$155,000
564 Kings Rd. - \$265,500
25 Lagorio Ct. - \$362,000
337 Laguna Vista - \$264,000
1443 Morton St. - \$228,000
814 Pacific Ave. - \$160,000
1414 Pearl St. - \$323,500
133 Sea Bridge Ct. - \$375,000
955 Shorepoint #212 - \$81,000
17 Smith Ct. - \$393,000
3419 Solomon Ln. - \$225,000
2996 Via Bahia - \$195,000
616 Waterview Island - \$327,500
ALBANY
1064 Evelyn Ave. - \$230,000
1069 Evelyn Ave. - \$285,000
920 Fillmore St. - \$160,000
920 Masonic Ave. - \$233,000
BERKELEY
2533 California St. - \$225,500
1807 Capistrano Ave. - \$360,000
1826 Catalina Ave. - \$296,000
1450 Catherine Dr. - \$235,000
1353 Channing Way - \$159,000
834 Channing Way - \$140,500
1912 Chestnut St. - \$155,000
2944 Elmwood Ct. - \$124,000
1314 Grizzly Peak - \$360,000
2929 Linden Ave. - \$290,000
1126 Miller Ave. - \$347,000
1178 Miller Ave. - \$215,000
1410 Parker St. - \$250,000
1206 Peralta Ave. - \$317,500
1320 Poe St. #3 - \$224,000
2421 Russell St. #10 - \$117,000

632 San Fernando - \$350,000
682 Santa Barbara Rd. - \$465,000
515 Spruce St. - \$481,000
1336 Summit Rd. - \$765,000
1661 Tacoma Ave. - \$270,000
1770 Thousand Oaks - \$476,500
509 Vincente Ave. - \$295,000
1815 Virginia St. - \$350,000
2842 Woolsey St. #3 - \$135,000
2815 Woolsey St. - \$695,000
EL CERRITO
917 Avis Dr. - \$320,000
5960 Fern St. - \$161,000
2034 Junction Ave. - \$170,000
5606 Ludwig Ave. - \$168,000
707 Norvell St. - \$235,000
EL SOBRANTE
4223 Fariss Ln. - \$155,000
EMERYVILLE
8 Admiral Dr. #238 - \$95,000
6 Admiral Dr. #282 - \$130,000
OAKLAND
47 Anair Way - \$135,000
985 Bayview Ave. - \$420,000
40 Beechwood Dr. - \$895,000
565 Bellevue #1007 - \$222,000
565 Bellevue #1805 - \$125,000
565 Bellevue #802D - \$237,000
19 Brentwood Pl. - \$360,000
3533 Brighton Ave. - \$199,000
5800 Buena Vista - \$345,500
260 Caldecott #200 - \$129,000
4442 Clarewood Dr. - \$230,000
1912 East 30th St. - \$112,000
1528 Excelsior Ave. - \$209,000
8124 Greenly Dr. - \$145,000
555 Jean St. #425 - \$123,000
2742 Kingsland Ave. - \$137,000
3720 Linwood Ave. - \$145,000
4111 Lusk St. - \$187,500
501 Mandana Blvd. - \$400,000
3712 Maple Ave. - \$200,000
33 Melvin Ct. - \$279,500
557 Mira Vista Ave. - \$248,500
86 Montell St. - \$236,000
4195 Montgomery St. - \$284,000
3459 Morcom Ave. - \$155,000
8675 Mountain #37 - \$115,000
624 Poirier St. - \$155,000
1056 San Francisco - \$100,000

1065 Santa Maria Cir. - \$100,000
6920 Saroni Dr. - \$279,000
101 Starview Ct. - \$393,000
11144 Sun Valley Dr. - \$337,000
11330 Sun Valley Dr. - \$342,500
6268 Sunnymere Ave. - \$144,000
1568 Trestle Glen Rd. - \$375,000
887 Trestle Glen Rd. - \$367,000
571 Walavista Ave. - \$322,000
16 Waldeck Ct. - \$425,000
PIEDMONT
9 Craig Ave. - \$954,500
206 Linda Ave. - \$368,000
16 Littlewood Dr. - \$595,000
306 Ramona Ave. - \$491,500
308 Scenic Ave. - \$463,000
SAN LEANDRO
756 Billings Blvd. - \$133,000
857 Bridge Rd. - \$259,500
267 Caliente Dr. - \$117,500
15032 Costela St. - \$155,000
1904 Fairbanks St. - \$165,000
543 Fortuna Ave. - \$130,000
2517 Galleon Pl. #128 - \$175,000
14840 Harold Ave. - \$165,000
14379 Hemlock St. - \$165,000
15636 Hull Cir. - \$271,500
14938 Inlet Ct. - \$155,000
15021 Juniper St. - \$175,000
2417 Limehouse Ln. - \$171,500

1958 Longview Dr. - \$340,000
2446 Lyle Ct. - \$172,000
14864 Midland Rd. - \$159,000
1545 Plaza Dr. - \$155,000
430 Sybil Ave. - \$198,000
14368 Wake Ave. - \$165,000
SAN LORENZO
880 Paseo Grande - \$167,500
16156 Silverleaf Dr. - \$242,000
16162 Silverleaf Dr. - \$229,000
15933 St. Johns Dr. - \$170,000
17418 Via Melina - \$156,000
16034 Via Olinda - \$135,000
18301 Via Toledo - \$159,500
SALES STATS BY CITY
ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 25
LOWEST PRICE: \$81,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$599,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$261,180
ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$160,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$285,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$227,000
BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 26
LOWEST PRICE: \$117,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$765,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$311,461
EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$161,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$320,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$210,800
EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$155,000
EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$130,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$112,500
OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 38
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$895,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$252,986
PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 5

LOWEST PRICE: \$368,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$954,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$574,400
SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 19
LOWEST PRICE: \$117,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$340,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$180,340
SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$135,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$242,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$179,850

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FRUITVALE AREA, OAKLAND. Image buildings with 8 units each. Low rate owners. Cherie Fagrey, 748-1765.
OAKLAND FOURPLEX. Close to downtown, excellent neighborhood, all units are bedrooms, 1 bath, best price in the area \$299,000. Kitty Wan, 747-1621.
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OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm
6066 MAZUELA, Trad'l 2-story, 5/4/2, 2 fam rms, gourm.kit, fab vw! \$925,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0200, Barbara Hopper 635-4839 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
6054 MAZUELA, 4500sf, 2-story exquisite Med, 4 1/4/4, bay/cyn vws \$850,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0200, Barbara Hopper 635-4839 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
217 GRAVATT RD, Claremont Hills, 4+3/4, 3-bridge vw, decks, yd \$839,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
6205 MATHIEU, Rockridge 4/3+ nw country tudor, craftsmanship \$759,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460
86 SHERIDAN, Rockridge, 4+3/4, just reduced! new craftsman \$649,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
6431 BROOKSIDE, 4bd/3ba, elegant, new, great floor plan \$645,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Moore 644-5488
6001 BUENA VISTA, Rockridge, Classic architecture, 4/2 1/2, bay vw \$635,000
Cornish & Carey, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653
1055 AQUARIUS WAY, New! Stately 4+bd/2 1/2ba w/views! great buy \$619,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442
6201 ACACIA AV, Price reduced 4/3, nm spec.Tudor, Level-in, pano \$595,000
hills vw, 3 decks, 3fp, mst suite, 4/3, prime location. Agt/Richard 559-9134
5560 COUNTRY CLUB, Claremont Pines, 3/2+, remod kit & baths \$549,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
2265 MELVIN RD, Custom 4bd/2b Colonial, bay vws, hot tub, yacre \$519,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400
7032 SAYRE DR, Montclair, 2 bldgs for the price of 1. Remod 4/2 hm \$439,000
+sep 7 rm office-in-law. Immaculate OWC/Trade A&M 339-3400 SUNDAY 1-5
31 BAY FOREST CT, Pinewood, 2+bd/2 1/2ba w/spectacular view! \$449,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Herb Manor 869-4227
2035 MAGELLAN DR, Montclair, 4bd/3ba, live in the trees! \$439,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jim Forquer 869-4263
1951 OAKVIEW, Spanish Med, hwdw flrs, vaulted ceiling, 3/2+, vws! \$425,000
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000 X218
8201 SKYLINE CIR, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bds w/2 1/2ba HIGH by Kaufman and Broad. Spectacular views of SF Bay, recreational \$300,000's trails, easy commute, 430-9633 OPEN DAILY 10-6, FRIDAY 1-6 and up
1545 TRESTLE GLEN RD, Crocker, 3/2 Med w/charm & character \$399,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
4622 REDWOOD RD @Campus Dr, just listed, 3/2 1/2 twnts, pano vw \$399,000
Cornish & Carey, D. C. Hodges 531-7667
6120 BULLARD RD, Montclair, custom 4+3/4, patio, deck, vw, 3000sf \$375,000
Cornish & Carey, Hal Castle 339-9778 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:30
1077 TRESTLE GLEN RD, Crocker, 3/2 1/2 Med, lovely garden \$359,900
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400
2901 CARLSEN ST, Lincoln Hts, 3/2+, nm listing! fab view & yd \$349,500
Cornish & Carey, Rachel Baller 530-3860
6125 ASCOT DR, Montclair, 4+bd/3ba, SF bay vw, upair, family rm \$329,900
Cornish & Carey, Steven Bissatti 339-8900 X239
2989 BUTTERS DR, Montclair, 2/2, stylish, sylvan setting, den, view \$315,000
Cornish & Carey, Jan Neff 339-8900
1800 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair, charming 2/1, FDR, artist studio, yd \$309,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400
1701 ARROWHEAD, Montclair 3/2, bargain priced rumpus, solarium \$299,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000

24 GLENEDEN, Piedmont Ave, new listing! 2/1 bungalow, lg back yd \$259,500
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460
3718 ARDLEY AVE, Glenview 2+1/4, 1948 sq ft, custom kitchen, 3 garages, English garden. Barbara Hoke RE Services 536-0536
3965 WATERHOUSE, Oakmore, fixer upper, nds TLC, 3bd/1 1/2ba Wells & Bennett, Carrie Craig 531-7000 X244
1294 HOLMAN RD, Crocker, 2bd/1ba, FDR, brkfst rm, spacious! Cornish & Carey, Helen Nicholas 339-8900
4629 MOUNTAIN BLVD, 4bd/3 1/2ba, fixer, large corner lot, hwdws. Motivated Seller. Tom Gee, Realtor 540-6547
2831 DELAWARE, Dimond, 4bd/2ba family hm, see to appreciate! \$215,000
Gallagher & Lindsey 521-8181, Cherie Fagrey 748-1765 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
51 MISSION HILLS, Sequoyah Hts, new listing! 2/2 end unit, view \$215,000
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460
4362 BENNETT PL, Redwood Hts, charming 2/1, fam rm, bonus rm \$209,500
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
1808 PLEASANT VALLEY, Pied. Ave, 2/1, art deco era, best buy \$204,900
Cornish & Carey, Ken Ferrell 814-9036
1515 EXCELSIOR AVE, Glenview, 2+bd/1ba charmer, just reduced! \$199,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
3070 MIDDLETON, Sheffield Village, 2bd/1+1b, grt vws, lg LR, hwdws \$189,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Candy Bennyl 895-9413
3216 COURTLAND, Maxwell Park, like nw interior, 3bd, lg lot \$175,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000 OPEN SATURDAY 2-4:30
7588 CIRCLE HILL DR, 2/1, sunny, charm! FDR, lg kit, grt garden \$169,000
Cornish & Carey, Helen Nicholas 339-8900
6608 SUNNYMERE AVE, 2bd/1ba, Priced to sell \$146,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Erik Johnson 869-4246
320 LEE #804, Highrise living, 1bd condo, fab vw, seller motivated! \$97,500
Mason-McDuffie, Gaynell Estie 337-8670 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm
17 EUCALYPTUS RD, Enchanting Br Shingle, SF vws, garden, 4/3 \$659,500
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400
1217 HENRY ST, North Berkeley, 1st open Beautiful, spacious Spanish Mediterranean. Frpl, vaulted ceiling, in-law, 2-car garage. Walk to Gourmet Ghetto. Manhattan Real Estate, Lee 444-5300
500 BOYNTON, Reduced! 3+bd/2ba, hardwoods, park-like yard \$335,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X203 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
2875 SHASTA, New listing! Great in/out living! 3+2 Hg in-law apt \$319,000
Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144
1519 HENRY Ct, Townhse in pvt patio gdn, 2 mstr suites, 2 attic rms \$313,000
Templeton Company, Marlene Leverette 652-2133 X121 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
1731 DWIGHT WY, 2/1 darling br shingle, Turn Key! FDR, full brmnt \$259,000
deck, garage, yd. Use Lock Box! BHR, Vicki Nakamura 284-9500 OPEN 10-2
1712 CALIFORNIA, Wow! 2bd genrl nr No. Berk. BART, eager seller \$195,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X122 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
1412 STANNAGE, No. Berk. Best Buy! 2/1 skylites, w/fruit trees \$186,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
2700 LeCONTE #205, Lg L-shaped condo, furnishd, patio, 2 bks UC \$133,000
Mason-McDuffie, Nancy 845-0200

EL CERRITO Open Sunday
1244 RICHMOND ST, Huge mstr suite, frpl, hwdw, wkshop, lg lot, 3/2 \$225,000
Security Pacific, Jamie Lake 843-9017 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
FREMONT Open Sunday
5650 SYLVIA COMMONS, Great, hi-tech condo, attractive complex \$212,895
Better Homes Realty 339-4000 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm
129 BONITA, Grand & gracious, elegant entry stairway, frml LR/DR \$879,500
The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400
604 BLAIR, 4bd/3+ba, central location, FDR, family rm, walk schls \$750,000
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460
45 INVERLEITH TER, 3+bd/2+ba, elegant, level, renovated, fam rm \$599,000
Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460
196 SANDRINGHAM, Spacious contemporary, 3/3+, cul-de-sac \$599,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Barry Klein 644-5423
205 HIGHLAND AVE, New listing! 3bd trad'l, worth re-doing \$499,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Maddy Hickling 655-6896
116 LATHAM ST, Elegant trad'l, hwdw flrs, 3bd/2ba, level to garden \$495,000
The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400
120 MAGNOLIA AVE, Ujidd 3bd bungalow, stone frpl, bonus rm. Move-in condition. Super opportunity! Robert Nelson 869-5133
105 WILDWOOD AVE, Charming 3bd/2ba w/small yd, walk to schls \$389,000
Mason-McDuffie 644-5477, Suzanne 428-0900
162 LAKE AVE, 2+bd, FDR, hardwoods, fireplace, view, garage, \$319,999
basement, yard. Quiet neighborhood. Classic Properties, Clifford 836-0190
161 RONADA, Sun-drenched 2/2 contemp, updt'd kit, plank floors \$298,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400
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3070 MIDDLETON, Sheffield Village 2/1+, grt vws, lg LR, hwdws \$189,000
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